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WAR DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Stanton Again Removed by the President.

Adjutant-General Thomas Appointed Secretary ad interim.

Intense Excitement in Congress in Consequence.

The Senate Counsel Mr. Stanton to Disregard the President.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 21.

The second attempt of the President to remove the Secretary of War came upon the Public and Congress to-day like a thunderbolt. It at once threw both Houses into a whirl of excitement, almost to the exclusion of regular business. Members gathered in knots and excitedly talked matters over. Stories grew and multiplied, and got so confused that the actual facts were hard to seize. Correspondents flew from end to end of the Capitol as if shot out of guns. The telegraph offices in the lobby were loaded with cards of dispatches to Wall-street, heralding the wildest stories, and before four o'clock one excited individual had articles of impeachment already drawn up.

The calm of the forenoon had been nigh unto sluggishness. The storm of the afternoon was its antipodes in the fierceness with which fact and rumor raged through the Capitol and streets. Divested of all superfluous and sensational matter, the facts are as follows:

The President has within the last two or three weeks been drawing political inspiration from some of the leading and most unscrupulous Democratic politicians of the country. These men have breathed the spirit of defiance to Congress very strongly. The Democratic organ here has been bolder than ever in urging open resistance to the action of Congress, and the politicians have caused Mr. JOHNSON to be flattered with indirect allusions to his probable nomination as the Democratic standard-bearer in the coming campaign, the great object of these men being to get a lodgment in the Executive patronage which will render its vast power certainly on their side during the canvass. To do this, the first thing necessary was to break down the Tenure of Office act. They therefore seized upon Mr. JOHNSON'S hostility Mr. STANTON and the law, to urge him to make the case boldly and plainly, and by removing him peremptorily, get the matter into the courts, where he and they deem the destruction of the law certain.

The President has thus been goaded up to the point of this new action on the War Department. There was a full Cabinet meeting this morning, and the matter was submitted to and approved by a majority of its members. Adjt.-Gen. THOMAS was also consulted beforehand to see if he would stand fire. He talked with Gen. GRANT about it during the morning, but what came of that your correspondent cannot say.

At about 12:30 the Secretary of War received the following letter from the President, through Adjt.-Gen. THOMAS:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1868.

SIR: By virtue of power and authority vested in me as President, by the Constitution and laws of the United States, you are hereby removed from office as Secretary of the Department of War, and your functions as such will terminate upon the receipt of this communication. You will transfer to Brevet Major-Gen. LORENZO THOMAS, Adjutant-General of the army, who has this day been authorized and empowered to act as Secretary of War, *ad interim*, all records, books, papers and other public property now in your custody and charge.

Respectfully yours,
ANDREW JOHNSON, President.

To Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON, Washington, D. C.

Gen. THOMAS also presented his order from the President to take possession of the Department. Mr. STANTON asked him for a copy of the order, which was given, and he then informed Gen. THOMAS that he would take time to consider the matter. THOMAS then returned to the Adjutant-General's office, and soon after left the Department. He did not then indicate, nor has he up to the present writing indicated, any action on his part looking toward further measures for the possession of the office.

Soon after sending these orders to STANTON and THOMAS, the President transmitted to the Senate a communication couched in nearly the following language:

To the Senate of the United States:

On the 12th of August last, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the United States, I suspended EDWIN M. STANTON from the office of Secretary of War. I have the honor to inform the Senate that by virtue of the same authority I have this day removed EDWIN M. STANTON from the office of Secretary of War, and have appointed Brevet Major-Gen. LORENZO THOMAS, Adjutant-General United States Army, Secretary of War *ad interim*.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

The above is not literal, but as given me by a Senator who read the document, it not having been read in open Senate. At the time of its reception Senator CONKLING was speaking on the amendment to the Reconstruction bill requiring only a majority of votes cast to decide an election.

Accompanying the message were other Executive communications, nominating Major-Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS to be Lieutenant-General and General by brevet, GEO. B. MCCLELLAN to be Minister to England, JAS. R. HUBBELL, of Ohio, to be Minister to Ecuador. As the contents of the several messages became known to Senators their attention was so completely diverted from the subject under consideration that Mr. CONKLING speedily yielded to a motion to go into Executive session, which they did about 3:15 o'clock.

In the meantime Mr. STANTON had communicated to the Speaker of the House and to the President of the Senate copies of the President's letter to him, as printed above. In the House it was at once read, and on motion of Mr. E. B. WASHBURNE referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The effect in the House was, of course, to create a good deal of a *furore*, and the intention to observe to-morrow as a holiday was at once reversed, and a session for regular business ordered. "Impeachment" became the topic of conversation instantly, and, as the Reconstruction Committee meet to-morrow morning, the irrepressible COVODE hurled in a resolution impeaching the President, which was referred to that Committee to give them something for action. The House adjourned about 4:45.

On the street the report had now become current that Mr. STANTON had surrendered the office; but at 7 o'clock your correspondent found him serene and quiet at the Department, awaiting the action of the Senate, certainly in possession of the office, and with a strong prospect of remaining so. Several members of Congress called to satisfy themselves that he was still *de facto* as well as *de jure* Secretary of War, and came away abundantly satisfied.

10 P. M.—The Senate, after an Executive Session of nearly seven hours, has just adjourned. The entire session was consumed in debate of the War Department question, and nearly every Senator participated. Messrs. RAYARD, BUCKALEW, DIXON and DOOLITTLE led off on the Democratic side, and HOWE, SUMNER, WILSON, DRAKE, POMEROY, EDMUNDS and others on the Republican side. The Tenure of Office act was critically discussed, and various propositions disapproving and condemning the action of the President were offered and discussed. Some Senators were in favor of strong condemnatory action; others thought a simple declaratory resolution, in as few words as possible, to be the best action under the circumstances. Others thought the House of Representatives should be officially informed of the violation of the law by the President that it might take such action as it thought proper; but after debate had been exhausted the vote was taken on the following resolutions, offered by Senator WILSON, and they were agreed to—29 to 6.

Whereas, The Senate have received and considered the communication of the President, stating that he had removed EDWIN M. STANTON as Secretary of War, and has designated the Adjutant-General of the Army to act as Secretary of War *ad interim*, therefore

Resolved, by the Senate of the United States, That under the Constitution and laws of the United States the President has no power to remove the Secretary of War and designate any other officer to perform the duties of that office.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President, the Secretary of War, and Adjt.-Gen. THOMAS.

Among the nays on the adoption of the resolution were Messrs. BUCKALEW, BAYARD, DIXON, DOOLITTLE and DAVIS. The discussion was very deliberate, in good temper, and without excitement. Certified copies of the above resolutions were at once made and served upon the President and Secretary STANTON, and will be upon Gen. THOMAS as soon as he can be found, he not being at either the Department or his residence.

During the session of the Senate a communication was received from Mr. STANTON informing them that the report printed in the evening papers that he had surrendered the War Department was incorrect. Several Senators also personally visited him to learn his probable action. These he informed that if sustained in his position by the Senate he should resist the attempt to oust him. He has been advised by every member of the House or Senate who has called upon him to resist, and he undoubtedly will.

At 11 o'clock P. M. his office was still full of visitors. As to the course the President and his new appointee will pursue, your correspondent can only learn this, that Gen. THOMAS this afternoon notified Mr. STANTON that he should demand possession of the Department at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, and this evening at Willard's he openly boasted that he should take possession of the books, papers and mail to-morrow morning, and if resisted by Mr. STANTON would send for force to execute his orders. Under the circumstances this boast is not indicative of what he may do, as it was too public and too undignified to be an indication of official action.

The effect on members of the House is to increase the impeachment fever with every hour, and yet, as the Committee cannot possibly report to-morrow, and as much will depend upon the manner in which Mr. STANTON is ejected from the Department, if ejected at all, and as a cold Sunday is likely to intervene, hasty action will be prevented, and discretion finally prevail. Should it turn out that in this proceeding Mr. JOHNSON is only taking measures to bring the question into the courts, there will be no serious action looking toward impeachment, but if force is sought to be used, then the House and Senate will make quick work with Mr. JOHNSON.

11:45 P. M. Mr. STANTON is at the War Department in company with Gen. SHRIVER, Inspector-General, and will remain all night. The Department will be closed to-morrow, by order of Mr. STANTON, issued this morning, it being WASHINGTON'S birthday and a legal holiday.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 21.

A few minutes before 2 o'clock this afternoon Col. MOORE, the President's Acting Private Secretary, brought several sealed messages to the Senate. It was soon ascertained that they were of an executive character, and a number of Senators, after the documents reached the desk of the presiding officer of the Senate, hurried to that place to learn their contents, which evidently occasioned much surprise among them. The information was soon conveyed to other Senators, who, in undertones, earnestly conversed on this matter of discovery.

A number of members of the House of Representatives, who were present in the Chambers at the time, hastily repaired to their own side of the Capitol and there repeated the fact that the President had sent to the Senate a message that he had removed Mr. STANTON and appointed Gen. LORENZO THOMAS Secretary of War *ad interim*.

Thus, within a few minutes, this act of the President was known in every part of the Capitol, producing much excitement. The truth that Maj.-Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS had been nominated for two brevets—Lieutenant-General and General—seemed to intensify the interest in the former proceeding, and produced speculations and inquiries as to what this mark of favor by the President really meant. There was at first a rumor that the last named THOMAS had been appointed Secretary *ad interim*; but this was owing to a confusion of the two names.

Senators THAYER, CAMERON, CHANDLER and CATTELL, immediately drove to the War Department and obtained an interview with Secretary STANTON. They expressed to him the desire that he would not surrender his post in obedience to the order of the President until the Senate should act upon the matter, and Mr. STANTON indicated a compliance with that wish. It is not, therefore, true, as reported this evening, that Mr. STANTON made no objection to Adjutant-General THOMAS' entering upon the duties of Secretary of War. It is true, however, that Gen. THOMAS showed to Mr. STANTON his order of appointment from the President, and to this the General received a respectful but not a satisfactory reply.

The Senate a few minutes after 2 o'clock, and as soon as Mr. TRUMBULL had concluded the remarks which he was making when the message was received, went into an Executive Session, and continued therein seven hours. The matter of removal was fully discussed and with much spirit in the secret session.

The Senators above named, after leaving Mr. STANTON, had an interview with Gen. GRANT, relating to him their conversation with Mr. STANTON, and suggesting their views as to what his conduct should be in the premises.

About an hour after the Senators parted with Mr. STANTON, the latter sent to the House a copy of the letter addressed to him by the President, which was read and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The Committee will have a meeting to-morrow to consider this as well as the subject of impeachment, proposed by Representative COVODE.

Many persons were attracted to the vicinity of the Senate to-night, but they were prevented from entering the galleries, owing to the fact that the proceedings were conducted with closed doors.

The subject of the removal of Mr. STANTON, and other matters connected with it, afford the prominent feature of comment everywhere to-night.

THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.

The members of the National Democratic Committee met informally this morning at the rooms of the Resident Committee. It seems understood that the Committee appointed by the Chicago National Convention will hold a private meeting, at which many preliminary matters will be considered, among the most important of which are whether the regular sessions of the Committee shall be open to the public, and as to the powers of the irregularly-appointed members from the Southern States. The preliminary meeting will be called by Mr. AUGUST BELMONT, of New-York, and will probably be held to-night. New-York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and St. Louis are the competing cities for the Convention.

It was finally decided at the informal preliminary meeting this morning, that the National Democratic Committee appointed at Chicago should meet to-morrow at noon, with closed doors, to settle the details which are to govern the regular meetings of the committee.

The members present at the informal meeting were: Messrs. A. Belmont of New York, S. B. Lyman of Maine, H. B. Smith of Vermont, William Converse of Connecticut, W. A. Galbraith, of Pennsylvania, J. A. Nicholson of Delaware, L. S. Trimble of Kentucky, R. P. Ranny of Ohio, W. E. Niblack of Indiana, W. F. Story of Illinois, L. V. Bogy of Missouri, J. H. McKinney of Minnesota, George H. Paul, of Wisconsin, Charles Mason, proxy of D. O. French of Iowa, Perry Fuller, proxy of J. E. Eaton of Kansas, John Patrick of Nebraska, George S. Houston of Alabama, Thomas Sweeney of West Virginia, Judge Marvin of Florida, J. W. Leftwich of Tennessee, R. S. Stevens, proxy of A. B. Greenwood of Arkansas, and J. A. Rosier of Louisiana.

Among the prominent gentlemen present but not members of the Committee were: Messrs. Staples and Allen, of Augusta, Me.; Green, Fitch, Taylor, Winslow and Rice, of Cleveland, Ohio; Monroe and Melard, of Nevada; Kenelvicha, of Leavenworth, and Miller, of Connecticut; Bruce, of Montana; Wendell, of Michigan; Samuel J. Tilden, Manton Marble, of the *World*; Humphrey, Prince, Cornell and Cuyler, of New-York; and Barckly, Maguire, Davis and Buckner, of Maryland,

THE CASE OF CONGRESSMAN BUTLER.

The Committee on Elections this morning held a conference on the case of Mr. BUTLER, a member elect of the House from Tennessee, and agreed that he could not take the oath prescribed by Congress, owing to his having occupied a seat in the Legislature of Tennessee and taken an oath to support the Confederate States Government, but that as he was unquestionably loyal to the United States Government all the time, the Committee will recommend that the House pass a joint resolution similar to that passed by the Senate, only in the case of Mr. PATTERSON, of Tennessee, omitting in Mr. BUTLER'S, as in the case of Mr. PATTERSON, a part of the Congressional oath required to be taken by the members of both branches. The Committee will make their report upon the subject on Monday.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President sent to the Senate to-day the following nominations: GEO. B. MCCLELLAN, of Ohio, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to England; JAMES R. HUBBELL, of Ohio, to be Minister Resident to the Republic of Ecuador; Major-Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS, to be Lieutenant-General by brevet, and to be General by brevet; WM. H. FARLEY, of California, to be Surveyor-General of California; AUGUSTUS BRADLEY, to be Assessor of Internal Revenue, Second District, Indiana; HENRY LYLES, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Washington, D. C.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEES.

Major DONELSON and MINOR MERRIWETHER, Agents of the Levee Board of the State of Mississippi, arrived here yesterday. They seek an appropriation for the levees of the Yazoo Basin extending on the east side of the Mississippi River from Memphis to Vicksburg. An advisory meeting was held last night, at the rooms of Senator FOWLER, at which most of the Tennessee delegation were present, and many members of Congress from sections not immediately interested in the work. The necessity of Congressional assistance seems to be conceded: otherwise vast tracts of productive lands will be flooded. Major DONELSON and Mr. MERRIWETHER are hopeful of securing the appropriations for which they have been directed by the Mississippi Levee Board to ask.

AN ACCIDENT IN THE HOUSE.

Much excitement and alarm were produced this afternoon in the House of Representatives by the breaking of one of the thick heavy plates of glass in the roof, the gas-lighter having slipped and fallen upon it while in the discharge of his duty. He caught himself by the iron frame, thus preventing his falling to the floor. Hon. J. R. GRENNEL, of Iowa, formerly a member of the House, was standing under the glass at the time, receiving the welcome of his friends, and hearing the crash threw up his hands, which saved his head from injury. His right hand was badly cut by a large fragment of the glass, but not dangerously. Hon. HIRAM PRICE, of Iowa, was also struck by a piece of glass, but he was not injured. Sometime elapsed before the business of the House was resumed.

SUPREME COURT.

The following cases were argued in the Supreme Court to-day: Weaver Victory, appellant, *vs.* Brylan et al.; No. 158, Gill, plaintiff in error, *vs.* Fenwick; No. 87, Lessee of Povet, plaintiff in error, *vs.* Consadine.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.. WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 21.

THE NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in reply to a resolution making inquiry about the increase in number of employes in the New-York Custom-house, which states that from July 20, 1867, to the date of the resolution, there has been an increase in the force of the Customs Department of New-York of 15 clerks, 22 inspectors, 20 night inspectors, 1 examiner, 2 messengers and 10 temporary clerks, since discharged, at an aggregate annual cost of $78,600. The Secretary says that this increase of force was absolutely necessary for the proper discharge of the business of the port, and with regard to the twenty-two inspectors, he says they were appointed for the purpose of carrying out the Department regulations concerning the exports of oils, tobacco and spirits, of domestic production, and that the increased expense is more than compensated by the fees collected on such exports. In regard to the remaining increase above specified, the Collector at New-York reports that the employment of such officers, and consequent expense, were rendered necessary by the large amount of work fallen in arrears during the past administration of the Custom-house by reason of the removal of the legal division, by reason of the laborious statistical returns, and the amounts now required to be made. The Secretary also gives the Collector's statement, that no reduction of force has heretofore been feasible; but that if business continues to fall off, some reduction can probably be made at an early day.

USURY LAWS.

Mr. HARLAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported, with amendments, the bill relating to the usury laws of the District. The legal rate of interest is fixed at six per cent, unless specified by contract, when it may be as high as ten per cent.

THE IMPORT LAWS.

Mr. COLE introduced a bill amending the import laws so as to allow a drawback on foreign nitrate of soda manufactured into gunpowder in the United States and exported therefrom in the same as on foreign saltpetre when so manufactured and exported. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. SUMNER presented a petition from the colored citizens of Kentucky, praying that since Slavery has been abolished a law be passed, or the Constitution amended, so that no State shall abridge the privileges of any citizen of the United States. He said that he had never heard any satisfactory argument against the proposed legislation. The matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. CONKLING presented a petition from the persons who participated in the capture of the rebel ram *Albemarle*, praying for a share in the prize money. Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. CAMERON presented a petition from the publishers of the Philadelphia newspapers, complaining that a great wrong is done them in postal charges. Which was referred to the Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads.

TERRITORIAL REGISTRATION.

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced a bill to provide for the registration of electors in the Territories of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. PATTERSON, of Tennessee, introduced a bill for changing the time for holding the District and Circuit Courts in Tennessee, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

WAR DEPARTMENT CLAIMS.

Mr. HOWE introduced a bill organizing a Commission for the examination and decision of claims in the War Department, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. It provides for the detailing by the Secretary of War, of three officers not below the rank of Colonel to act as Commissioners, and one not below the rank of Captain to act as Recorder, to whom may be referred as special claims within the jurisdiction of the Department, when presented either originally or on appeal. The decisions of the Commission shall be held to be the final decisions of the Department. The Commission is required to dispose of the claims in the order of their filing, and publish weekly in a Washington newspaper a brief statement of their decisions. It is finally provided that nothing contained in this bill shall be held to open for consideration of said Commission any claim heretofore adjusted.

AN ABDUCTION CASE.

Mr. SUMNER presented a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the President to communicate copies of any correspondence on the subject of the abduction of ALLAN MCDONALD, an American citizen, in Canada.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. GRIMES rose to a personal explanation. He read from the *Globe* report of the discussion on Monday last some remarks made by Mr. HENDRICKS of himself in regard to a telegram having been sent through Mr. HARVEY in 1861, informing the authorities of South Carolina that Fort Sumter was about to be reinforced, he (Mr. GRIMES) having said the telegram was to that effect. He remembered very distinctly that the majority of this body at that time understood the fact was so, and appointed a committee to investigate the subject and their report was that a telegram had been sent through the agency of Mr. HARVEY to that effect, some members of the Administration conceiving themselves under a pledge to inform the authorities of Charleston before that attempt should be made. It seemed, however, that that impression was erroneous, according to a letter received from Mr. HARVEY this morning. The letter was read, stating that for four days before the firing on Sumter the telegraph was in the hands of the Government, and no private dispatches could be sent, and it had been determined to attack Fort Sumter some time before, Mr. LINCOLN having sent messages to Charleston to inform the authorities and give them time to reflect.

Mr. GRIMES was gratified to know that Mr. HARVEY was vindicated from a charge never to his knowledge heretofore contradicted, having always understood that a dispatch was sent as stated, with the knowledge and approbation of the Secretary of State and President LINCOLN. He now understood Mr. HARVEY to say there never was such a dispatch sent by him.

Mr. CAMERON said Mr. HARVEY did send such a dispatch to the Governor of South Carolina, and he (Mr. CAMERON) had a copy of it in his pocketbook only last week, which had been lost.

Mr. SUMNER said he had a couple of dispatches from Mr. HARVEY to the Governor of South Carolina placed in his hands at the time by the Secretary of War, now Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CAMERON.) Four or five such dispatches were sent by Mr. HARVEY. After the lapse of time he could not state exactly their contents, but thought they were substantially as stated. He could not say whether they were sent under the authority of the Secretary of State or not.

Mr. CONKLING said he also had had copies of these dispatches which had been read in the House of Representatives, with letters in vindication of Mr. HARVEY. He believed the charge cruelly unjust. There was no evidence that Mr. HARVEY had done anything but what he had reason to suppose he was doing with the approbation and at the instance of those who ought to have been the last to allow him to be assailed.

Mr. CAMERON said when he obtained the dispatch he had considered it very important, and that it ought to be kept secret, as carried in himself to Mr. LINCOLN, who expressed as much surprise as he did. It seemed very strange that such an important matter which they desired to keep entirely secret should be revealed by a member of the Administration without consulting other members of the Cabinet.

Mr. ANTHONY said his recollection was that such a charge had been made, but that upon investigation it was found that the dispatch was sent with the consent of the Administration.

Mr. SUMNER—Not the Administration?

Mr. GRIMES—Members of the Administration.

Mr. JOHNSON was sure the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CAMERON) was right, that Mr. HARVEY did transmit those dispatches without knowledge, but was equally sure that it was with the knowledge of the Secretary of State, and as Mr. HARVEY supposed, with the knowledge of President LINCOLN. Having been on friendly terms with Mr. HARVEY, Mr. JOHNSON believed that what he did was with that conviction and with a pure purpose. A great many things were done at that period, doubtless, that were not made known to the Secretary of War. The Secretary of State no doubt patriotic really for a time, carried on the War and Navy Department, acting in many particulars without the knowledge of either, who were more astonished afterward than anybody else on finding out what had been done.

Mr. CAMERON said it was a remarkable assertion that Mr. SEWARD had carried on the War Department.

Mr. JOHNSON—Without your knowledge.

Mr. CAMERON thought it was not so, with or without his knowledge; that he had manliness enough to take care that it should not be done more than once. Mr. SEWARD had never meddled with it. He dared say that gentleman had very often told the Senator from Maryland things which probably were not exactly correct. If he had said this he had certainly said that which was not true. Mr. HARVEY was not employed by the Administration, though he might have been by Mr. SEWARD in his policy of ending the war in sixty days. He (Mr. CAMERON) never believed that by temporizing, or by flattering, or by coaxing the rebels, they could make peace. He believed then what circumstances had since proved—that the only way to end the war was to treat them with the most perfect rigor. He did not believe that Mr. SEWARD had interfered with the Navy Department either. He suggested that the best way would be to pass a resolution asking Mr. SEWARD whether he did authorize HARVEY to give that information to the Governor of South Carolina at that time.

Mr. HENDRICKS asked whether the information communicated in the telegram did not truly represent the judgment of the Cabinet.

Mr. CAMERON said the policy of the Cabinet in that particular was changed, so that he could not answer the question, nor would he if he could. It was a secret that he ought not to communicate.

Mr. JOHNSON explained that he had merely intended to say that many acts were done by the Secretary of State which properly belonged to the War Department without the knowledge of its head.

The matter was then laid aside.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The Senate then took up the special order, the bill to amend the Reconstruction acts so that a majority of votes cast shall decide elections, and to allow persons registered to vote in any part of a State.

Mr. CONKLING took the floor and commented on Mr. TRUMBULL'S statement yesterday of his continuous opposition to the principle of requiring a majority of the registered votes, and he quoted from the *Globe* to show that that Senator had voted for it when the bill was pending. He, for one, believed that the action of Congress was right. He recited the state of affairs existing before the bill was passed, and said it had been alleged then that the people of the South would gladly seize the opportunity to free themselves from what had been called military despotism, and become again American citizens. And in the hope that they would come forward manfully and sequiesce and assist in establishing loyal governments, the act of March 2 was passed, distranchising only a few leaders. Subsequently the act of March 23 was passed to provide security in case they should not come forward. He then referred to the combination to defeat a constitution in a recent election, and read a table to show that a much larger white registration was secured under these measures than under the President's policy, under which North Carolina had a registration in 1865 of 41,000, while under the former it had been 103,000. He denied, therefore, that Congress had commited any blunder in passing the act of March 23, which had removed many existing impediments to registration, and enabled loyal men, white and black, to unite in the formation of loyal governments. He saw nothing to repent of. He had voted for the proposition at every stage, and should have done so if he had then all the light that had since been thrown on the subject. While he had great doubts of the efficacy of the present measures, he was ready to try it as an experiment, believing that those who had deluged the land with blood should not be allowed to resume their former sway. He reserved to himself that right, without being charged with inconsistency hereafter, in doing either this or whatever else should be found necessary to that end, and to protect loyal men. But, even inconsistency was sometimes the part of wisdom under a change of circumstances.

Mr. TRUMBULL explained that he had reported the Act of March 23, from the Judiciary Committee, stating that he did so because it was agreed to in Committee, and that all its features did not meet his approbation. None of the Reconstruction bills were just as he wanted them, but his experience had shown that in legislative bodies it was necessary to be practical and have some deference for the opinions of his associates; and, therefore, he had voted for the bill on its final passage.

After further discussion between Messrs. CONKLING and TRUMBULL on this point, without reaching a vote, the Senate, on motion, went into Executive session at 2:30 o'clock.

After coming out of Executive Session, the Senate at 9:30 o'clock adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. WOOD moved that, to-morrow being Washington's Birthday, the House, when it adjourns to-day, shall adjourn until Monday.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, opposed the motion, and suggested that, as many of the members desired an opportunity to make speeches, the sessions for to-morrow should be for general debate only.

Mr. WOOD accepted the proposition, and it was ordered.

INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

Mr. BALDWIN, from the Joint Committee on the Library, reported an act for securing to authors in certain cases the benefit of an international copyright, advancing the development of American literature, and promoting the interests of publishers and book buyers in the United States, which was ordered to be printed with the report, and recommitted, with leave to Mr. PRUYN to make a minority report.

The first section provides that foreign authors, whose works are first published in foreign countries where a copyright is allowed to American authors, shall have the same exclusive rights to multiply and sell copies in the United States as are now granted by law to American citizens.

The second section provides that the privileges of copyrights shall not be extended to republications in the United States, unless all the editions of such publication be wholly manufactured in the United States, and be issued for sale by publishers who are United States citizens.

The third section reserves to foreign authors the right of translation, subject to the conditions that the original work shall have been registered in the clerk's office of some United States District Court, and a copy deposited in the library of Congress within four months after its first publication abroad; that in the first publication the author shall have announced his reserving the right of translation; that within six months after the date of registry the authorized translation shall have been offered for publication to some American publisher; that every edition of the translation be wholly manufactured in the United States and be issued by a publisher who is a United States citizen, and that this same protection be afforded to American authors in the country where the work was originally published.

The fourth section provides that when a book is issued in volumes, or parts, at successive periods of time, the several volumes or parts shall be regarded as separate works, so far as relates to this act.

The fifth section requires the President of the United States, immediately after the passage of the act, to transmit copies of it to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Germany and other countries with which the United States may have diplomatic correspondence, and he shall take measures to conclude arrangements for the establishment of an international copyright between those countries and the United States.

The President is also required, when such arrangements shall have been concluded with any foreign country, and been approved by the Senate, to make public proclamation thereof. Whereupon the authors and artists of the country with which the arrangement shall have been concluded, and their legal representatives, shall be entitled to the privileges and benefits of the act.

PATENTS.

Mr. JENCKES, from the Committee on Patents, reported a bill granting leave for an application for the extension of the patent of HORACE SMITH and D. B. WESSON, for improvements in repeating firearms, the same as if the application had been filed ninety days prior to the expiration of the patent, Feb. 14, 1854. The bill having been explained by Messrs. JENCKES and DAWES, was passed by yeas 88, nays 38.

Mr. JENCKES, from the same Committee, reported a bill for the relief of MARTHA M. JONES, administratrix of SAMUEL J. JONES, deceased, who was the patentee of an invention in the manufacture of the white oxide of zinc. The bill gives force and validity to the extension granted Feb. 23, 1866, for seven years from July 23, 1864, notwithstanding that a patent granted in Great Britain had expired at that time.

After explanation by Mr. JENCKES, the bill was passed.

Mr. PETERS, from the same Committee, reported a bill to extend the patent of SAMUEL PIERCE for improvements in stoves, and moved the previous question. The House refused to second the previous question, and, the morning hour having expired, the bill went over.

POSTMASTER RANDALL.

The Speaker presented the following letter, which was read and and referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Post-office Department.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have just read with astonishment a detail of some testimony in the *Daily Globe*, tending to implicate me in a fraudulent connivance in letting contracts for carrying Southern mails. I have never heard of some of the men named in their testimony before. No man ever approached me with any such proposition as are indicated in that testimony. I never heard of such a project. I never do business in that way, or any of that kind of business.

I ask a thorough, searching investigation; not only into the matter indicated in that testimony but into every other official transaction of the Post-office Department since I have been connected with it. I also respectfully ask that this investigation be open and public to the world; if this is the proper mode of presenting my wishes to the House of Representatives I will be obliged if this letter can be laid before that body.

Very respectfully,
ALEXANDER W. RANDALL,
Postmaster-General.

PORTS OF DELIVERY.

Mr. INGERSOLL asked and obtained leave for Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, to report from the Committee on Commerce a bill reviving for two years the second section of the act of April 5, 1856, constituting Hannibal, Mo., and Peoria, Ill., ports of delivery. After explanation by Mr. INGERSOLL the bill was passed.

UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COINS.

Mr. KELLEY introduced a bill to establish a uniform system of small coins. Referred to the Committee on Coinage.

MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. CAVANAUGH, of Montana, introduced a bill to provide for mail service between Fort Abercrombie, Dakotah Territory, and Helena, Montana Territory. Referred to the Post-office Committee.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JAIL.

Mr. COVODE, from the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to which had been referred the question as to the letting of the contract for the jail of the District of Columbia, presented a report and bill, which were ordered to be printed and recommitted. The report condemns the manner in which the contracts were let; recommends that they be annulled, and the work stopped; declares that fair and equal competition was impossible on account of the incompleteness of the architect's plans; and recommends that the work be taken out of the hands of the Secretary of the Interior, on account of his being evidently unable or unwilling to give it proper attention. The report exonerates the contractor for the iron work, (CHAS. A. WERDNER, of Chester, Penn.,) and recommends an adjustment of his claims.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. DAWES in the chair, on the Naval Appropriation Bill. The bill appropriates $18,095,045, the following being the principal items:

Pay of officers and seamen, $8,000,000; preservation of vessels in ordinary, material, stores, &c., and maintenance of the navy afloat, $3,000,000; Bureau of Yards and Docks for contingent expenses, $800,000; Navy-yards, about $650,000; Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, $268,000; Bureau of Navigation, $176,000; expenses of Naval Academy, $208,000; expenses of Naval Observatory, $25,000; Bureau of Ordnance, $280,000; Bureau of Construction and Repairs, $79,000; Bureau of Steam Engineering, $674,000; Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, $1,624,000; Bureau of Medicines and Surgery, $82,000; Marine Corps, $1,280,000.

The second section fixes the number of enlisted men in the navy, including apprentices and boys, at 8,500.

The third section repeals the fourth section of the Naval Appropriation bill of March 3, 1847; the second section of the act of March 3, 1865, to increase the pay of midshipmen and others; the second section of the 31st of August, 1842, to regulate the appointment and pay of engineers; the ninth section of the act of March 2, 1867, and the first section of the act of March 2, 1865, to establish the offices of Solicitor and Naval Judge-Advocate.

The fourth section gives to enlisted men who perform the duty of firemen or coal-heavers $8 per month, in addition to their regular pay.

The fifth section fixes the force of the marine corps at the number established by the act of July 25, 1866, and repeals all conflicting provisions.

A discussion which hinged principally upon the disposition of unexpended balances in the Navy Department, and extended to questions of extravagance and economy sprang up, and was participated in by Messrs. Washburne, of Illinois, LOGAN, PIKE, WOOD, SPALDING, RANDALL and ARCHER, and a long letter from the Secretary himself, was read in piecemeal and at various intervals, according as Democratic members got the floor and pulled their noses for the reading of the letter.

Mr. BUTLER offered an amendment providing that all unexpended balances subject to the order of the Secretary of the Navy on the 1st of July, 1868, shall be covered into the Treasury, and that no amount appropriated in the bill shall be expended or drawn while any other unexpended moneys are subject to the order of the Secretary of the Navy. Agreed to.

Mr. BANKS criticised the alacrity of the Secretary of the Navy in adapting himself to the resolution of the House requiring a reduction of force at the Navy-yards, such resolution being merely an expression of opinion and having the force of law. He asked Mr. WASHBURNE if he could give any explanation.

Mr. WASHBURNE declared his inability to do so, declaring that the ways of the Secretary were "past finding out."

Mr. RANDALL said he had called on the Secretary in relation to this matter, and found that the Secretary felt bound to respect the expressed wishes of the House. Knowing the malignity of the public Press and of some members toward the Secretary, he (RANDALL) did not attempt to change the Secretary's decision. He declared that the Navy Department was managed with more economy and honesty than any other department of the Government.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The Committee rose and the Speaker presented a message from the President in reference to the execution of the treaty of 1858 with China, for the settlement of claims, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs; also a message from the President transmitting a communication from the Chief of the Engineer Corps in reference to a ship canal around the Falls of the Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals; also a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, with a letter from the Commissioner-General of the Land Office, relative to estimates of appropriations, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

SECRETARY STANTON AGAIN REMOVED.

The Speaker also presented the following communication from the Secretary of War:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 21.

SIR: Gen. THOMAS has just delivered to me a copy of the inclosed order, which you will please communicate to the House of Representatives. Your obedient servant, EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

To Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.

SIR: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me, as President, by the Constitution and laws of the United States, you are hereby removed from office as Secretary of War, and your functions as such will terminate upon receipt of this communication.

You will transfer to Brevet Major-Gen. LORENZO THOMAS, Adjutant-General of the Army, who has this day been authorized to act as Secretary of War *ad interim*, all records, books, papers and other public property now in your custody and charge. Respectfully yours, ANDREW JOHNSON, President.

To Hon. EDWIN M. STANTON, Washington.

The correspondence having been read, Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, moved that it be referred to the Committee on Reconstruction, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BOUTWELL suggested with authority to report at any time.

Mr. WASHBURNE so modified the motion, and moved the previous question.

Mr. MUNGEN wished to move as an amendment its reference to the Judiciary Committee, but the previous question prevailed.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, wished to have it referred to a select committee.

Mr. WASHBURNE would not consent to this. The Committee on Reconstruction was a competent committee, and he preferred the correspondence to go to that Committee.

Mr. MUNGEN intimated that the Committee should reconstruct Mr. STANTON.

Mr. WASHBURNE'S motion was agreed to, and the correspondence was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The House went again into committee on the Naval Appropriation bill.

Mr. VAN WYCK offered an amendment, providing that no part of the money appropriated should be used for paying for new guns, gun carriages, or small arms, which was adopted.

Mr. BOUTWELL moved that the committee rise, stating that he wished to provide for a regular session to-morrow. He thought that when the Government was so far subverted as to have two Secretaries of War, the House should attend to public business. The committee rose.

Mr. BUTLER said: I move that the order of the House by which

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

The Argument of "Adirondack"—History is Not Law—Gold is Merchandise—The Government Keeps Good Faith When it Pays What it Agrees To Pay.

THE BEECHES, Saturday, Feb. 15, 1868.

"Adirondack" in the TIMES, has been doing a good work in giving all the reasons which can be given why the five-twenty bonds should be paid in gold. With all these reasons he has not satisfied me, and I fear will not satisfy the public mind. He commits two errors. First, he attempts to construe a written statute by contemporaneous history, and no statute can be legally construed in that way. Secondly, he leaves entirely out of view the material facts of the whole case. His argument is throughout a very fair appeal to the conscience of Senator SHERMAN, of Judge CHASE, or of myself. But it is not the logic of facts. Confusion of different ideas is the great cause of so many warm and complicated discussions upon public matters. In such a discussion, the first thing to be done is to get the *facts* clear; then the *law*; and lastly, if there is anything left to argue, the policy of the proposed measure. Let me premise two observations. In the first place, I think with FISHER AMES on the British Treaty, that nothing is more valuable to a nation than the public faith, and for no consideration whatever would I imperil it one moment. Next, I utterly deny that a payment of the five-twenty bonds in currency instead of gold is any repudiation, or approach to repudiation, of the public faith. That depends wholly upon the law and the facts, and I will just refer (for I can do no more) to what the law and the facts are:

1. How far is this a possible or practical question? Let us assume 1868 as the date of the bonds. Then if the Government had an untold amount of surplus revenue on hand, it might pay them this year. But the Government has no surplus revenue. Whatever "Adirondack" may fear, he may rest assured we shall not issue hundreds of millions of Government notes to pay these bonds. The practical fact is, the bonds are not to be paid in any way till ten, probably twenty years. It is true that if five per cent. gold bonds are at or above par, the Government may issue them, (and that is a legitimate financial measure,) and then offer legal tenders for the bonds. The Government is entitled, on principles of equity and common sense, to all the advantages it can get from the variable exchanges of the money market, and I would pay off the ten-forties, if I could get money at four per cent. But, in a fair view of the subject, this is not a practical question. If we do not resume specie payments in ten years, I doubt whether we shall ever resume.

2. "Adirondack," as I have said, attempts to construe the Loan acts by contemporaneous history. A statute cannot be construed in that way. Its meaning must be got from the grammatical and legal construction of its words. But, as the appeal is rather to the country than the law, I will for a moment ask what was the true state of the case in issuing these loans? The first, great and only object was to get the loan taken—to get the money. For that there must be motives. First, there was patriotism, and it influenced many. School teachers took that loan, soldiers took it—quiet citizens, with small amounts laid up. Long before the great money-changers or the Germans took a dollar, these patriotic people had taken millions. By and by the bonds passed—many of them at least from their hands—to foreign and domestic fundholders, who never touched anything with any sentimental idea of patriotism. All persons who took these loans had then and have now perfect confidence that the Government will pay them, and the Government will. Now, let us come to the how.

Patriotism was a sufficient motive for many persons to take the loan; but that was not enough. Another motive was to be found; and what was it? Was it an offer to pay the principal of the bonds in gold? Not at all. If it had been, it would have been there. What was it? It was simply to raise the rate of interest. It was to do in another form precisely what was done in the seven-thirties. The interest was payable in gold—a species of valuable merchandise, worth more than the money of the country, while payments were suspended, and with the immense advantage that the interest increased as the currency increased. If the people paid higher prices for living, so, also, they received higher interest for their bonds. These bonds now pay 8.40 per cent. interest—an enormous interest for a Government to pay. When gold was 100 per cent., they paid 12 per cent. interest. By the way, let me call attention to the splendid financeering abilities of the Treasury Department. With the five-twenty bonds from eight to ten per cent. interest, the Secretary, with owl-like wisdom, takes in the greenback notes, which pay no interest, seven-thirties, which pay much less interest, and compound interest notes, which bear still less, and funds them in these five-twenty bonds. The higher interest was the motive, and the only motive, presented to moneyed men for taking the bonds, and they understood it. It was not till it became evident to discerning men that the Government would succeed that foreigners invested any considerable sum in them. The law did say that the interest should be paid in gold, and it did not say the principal should be paid in the money of the country.

3. The material fact of the whole case "Adirondack" leaves out—that from the suspension of specie payments and the issue of legal tenders to the resumption of specie payments, gold is only merchandise. It is not the money of the country. It is exactly the same with silver, wheat, or potatoes. It is sold in Wall and William streets, just as other merchandise, the price rising and falling with the mutable relations of demand and supply. Now, if I make a contract to pay a man a thousand dollars in potatoes, unquestionably he can demand the potatoes. But if I contract to pay him a thousand dollars only, must I pay him in potatoes? Gold is merchandise, and a man who agrees to pay a thousand dollars is not obliged to pay it in merchandise unless he specifies it. The mortgagees in New-York, you remember, undertook to make the mortgagors pay merchandise, (that is, gold,) and the case was decided against them in a very able opinion delivered on the validity of legal tenders, by Judge DAVIES, of the Court of Appeals. But "Adirondack" may say, it is not a legal case against the Government, but it ought to pay in gold. Why ought it? For if it ought, it will confess judgment. Why ought it? What is the history of the transaction? The history was simply this: that the law offered interest in gold, to make higher interest. The moneyed men took it so, and left to Providence the question whether the principal would be paid in gold; if not, it will not. There is the history of the transaction, and there is no ought about it. Let us see how the transaction must be when payment is made. Mr. ROTHSCHILD, or Mr. SMITH, has a $1,000 five-twenty bond. It becomes due, and he presents it for payment. Where? He cannot present it in any foreign country. He must present it to the Treasury of the United States. It is payable in money, and the Treasurer pays him in money—not in merchandise. He can do nothing else. He has no power to do anything else. And, where is the difference between the mortgagee, who demands merchandise (gold) in payment for his mortgage, and the bondholder who wants merchandise (gold) for his bond? Observe, that the moment gold ceases to be merchandise, it becomes money—he is paid in gold. Till then, neither the law nor the people will pay him anything else than the money of the country. And, now let me ask a question of conscience. What is this asking for the payment of bonds in merchandise worth 40 per cent. more than the money of the country, but an attempt to impose upon the fears or the generosity of the country? If the whole debt were paid to-day in greenbacks, would a single man get less than he advanced for them?

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Unjust Restriction on Domestic Trade.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Permit me to draw the attention of your readers to an abuse of authority exercised by most of the States in the Union, which is every day restricting the amount of business between the different States, and has the insolent effect of placing a certain large and respectable class of the community on a level with common criminals, even when industriously pursuing their regular calling. I allude to the obnoxious laws in various cities and States compelling traveling agents, who represent wholesale houses, to pay enormous license fees, which it is utterly impossible for them to comply with, and which, consequently, render it necessary for them either to evade the law or to surrender their occupation, which, in very many cases, would involve the stoppage of the houses represented.

The object of those laws is ostensibly to put a stop to peddling, which it is very desirable should be accomplished; but there is a wide difference between peddling and selling to dealers from samples or lists, which is entirely ignored. In the enforcement of these laws, provincial dealers, who find it inconvenient to visit the large business centres to purchase, are compelled, at a great disadvantage, to make their purchases in an inferior market, and the disadvantage thus inflicted on them must of necessity extend to the community who derive their supplies from them.

It is sometimes urged in favor of these local fees, that the resident wholesale dealers require such protective measures, but the wholesale dealers themselves would never support such exclusive enactments, because they find their own individual interests so closely identified with the system of doing business by traveling agents, that with rare exceptions, they avail themselves of it both for making purchases and sales. I may mention here that this manner of doing business is largely followed in defiance of the laws complained of, and the traveling agents are gladly welcomed by their constituents, who recognize and highly appreciate the direct benefits accruing to them by such enterprise; they are also welcomed by hotel-keepers, who attach so much importance to their regular visits that they receive attentions and enjoy privileges not extended to ordinary transient guests. But this is not all; the railway companies get a benefit, and the express companies also. Indeed, the whole system of doing business by traveling agents possesses so many elements calculated to benefit the people, that if State Legislatures and municipal authorities consulted, as they ought, the welfare of the people over whom they are placed, instead of subjecting traveling agents to penalties due only to criminals, and the enterprising houses they represent to such unjust and extortionate fees, they would by an enlightened policy encourage and facilitate such business relations with other States and cities, and in so doing would confer a natural benefit, inasmuch as whatever induces closer and more frequent commercial intercourse with the various States, hastens the increasing greatness of our country.

As a people, we are generally possessed with the idea that there is more freedom in this country than anywhere else, but where, I ask, in the civilized world are such local restrictions on trade allowed to prevail? I submit that such a state of things is an outrage, and a blot on the country's fair name. Moreover, I am inclined to doubt if it is in harmony with the Constitution, and I happen to know of at least one eminent lawyer in this City who has given it as his unqualified and well-matured opinion that it is entirely unconstitutional.

Hoping you will devote a little of your valuable space in order to ventilate a subject in which a large portion of the business community is interested,

I am respectfully yours, MERCHANT.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 18, 1868.

Have We a Street Department?—Have We a Contractor?

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It has been for a long time customary for residents up town to have the avenues or streets on which they live cleaned at their own expense, and to employ private parties to remove the ashes and garbage from the sidewalks and areas. This business used to be done by the Corporation when our taxes were only half the rate they are now, but we have got used to paying for them as extras, and therefore do not complain. But the outrageous condition of our business streets, especially Broadway, and the very slight effort to improve them after remaining in this condition for weeks, leads to the inquiry if we have a Street Commissioner or contractor, or any one, to whom we can look for relief.

Why cannot some of those thousands of laborers, who are said to be out of work, be set to cleansing the gutters and street crossings—if that is the most the contractor can afford? There is, I am sure, no good reason why the ice in Broadway could not be broken up in a single night by putting gangs of men to work with picks and shovels.

It is inhuman to drive the horses attached to omnibuses in Broadway—it is ruinous to vehicles of every description, and it is a shame to the City that this thoroughfare should remain in the state it is. Now, Mr. Editor, what can be done?

A DISCOURAGED TAX-PAYER.

Some of the Hardships of the Internal Revenue Law.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Feb. 13, 1868.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, I deem it worthy to address these few lines to you in behalf of the poor people of this City. Not only of the poor do I pen these lines to you, but of the United States Revenue law—a law which not only has no sense in it, but which makes a poor man pay more than two times as much tax as any other man. Few persons have any idea of the great wrong which is upon pawn-tickets; that a five-cent revenue stamp must be upon every pledge, even of twenty-five cents, or any amount above it. Generally all the pledges coming in at the pawn-brokers are under a dollar, and a poor person cannot well afford to lose five cents for a stamp from so small an amount. There are now from sixty to seventy leading pawn-brokers in this City, and it requires a great deal of revenue stamps to supply them, especially now-a-days, as business is very dull, and thousands of men are out of work, most of them who have wife and children to support, and who have no other choice but to pawn.

They pledge the last piece of clothing off their back, and the shoes off their feet, for a few cents, for live they must be if whatever it may.

Then again, if a man draws a check of any amount of money above twenty dollars on the bank, a two-cent stamp is required, and under twenty dollars no stamp is required at all. Now, any man of common sense can see that there must have been a great mistake made when this law was made. That a poor man must pay a five-cent revenue stamp for the loan of twenty-five cents, and a rich one a two-cent stamp for to draw a check of $500 or more on the bank. There was formerly a five-cent stamp upon all affidavits, but this was taken off, and also a two-cent stamp upon all express checks, but this was also repealed. Then why do they not diminish or repeal the tax upon pawn-tickets, from which the poor must suffer? All the interest of the pawnbrokers is centered in this great wrong. They have formed themselves into an Association; have collected money and have spent freely trying to get this law abolished, but of no avail.

Hoping that this will be inserted in your columns, so that it may reach some of the wise men in Washington, I remain your servant, J. P.

Thoroughfare from Union-square to the Lower Part of the City.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Although the public mind appears to have settled down upon either Laurens or Thompson street as a continuation of the Fifth-avenue across Washington-square, the following suggestions may not be out of place before a final decision is made:

First—Let Laurens and Thompson streets remain undisturbed, so far as any widening is concerned.

Second—Cut off the corners of Washington-square to constitute it in shape an oval, to resemble somewhat Union-square, enabling all vehicles easily to go round it to reach from the south side the streets leading out of it on the north side, while foot-passengers will continue to cross the park as they do at present.

Third—Wooster-street, from Waverley-place to its termination at Canal-street, make of the same width at University-place. A slant across Canal-street will bring carriage or pedestrian to the corner of West Broadway.

Fourth—This improvement has the advantage over others, by its economy, and its leading to that important point, Union-square, where divergence can be had up the island through Broadway and the Fourth-avenue, to say nothing of the Fifth-avenue at its connection with Broadway at Madison-square.

Fifth—The plan as proposed for extending the Sixth-avenue can also be carried out as an independent improvement for a similar object. H. A. W.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

MUD.

Consequences of the Thaw—Perils of Peregrination—Petition to the Mayor from Afflicted Merchants.

The thaw is doing its work bravely, but it is no easy matter to content oneself with the manner of the doing. The streets are in a frightful condition. Mud is monarch everywhere. The culverts, unattended to during the frost, are most of them now sealed beyond the releasing power of the pick-ax, and many of them so hidden by piles of conglomerate snow and filth that their whereabouts is unknown and cannot be ascertained by the street-cleaners. Between Fourteenth-street and the Battery there are not half a dozen streets along which it was possible to pass yesterday on foot without encountering the risk of a fall at each crossing and the surety of being bespattered by the mud raised by passing vehicles however closely the unhappy pedestrian hugged the inner verge of the sidewalk.

The narrow streets, in which railroad tracks are laid, exhibit the superlative degree of danger and discomfort. The snow piled up on either side the railroad tracks during the storms by the employes of the various railroad companies, and trampled and frozen into long mounds almost as impenetrable to ax or shovel as the granite blocks beneath, are now dangerous traps to the unwary who attempt to cross them or to reach the cars by them. Melting with the thaw their surfaces are treacherously slippery. Even rubbers are unreliable over such footing. From these huge ridges, of which there are many miles, the water pours into the track or upon the footpaths. Horses prance through this slimy sea on one side, pedestrians wade it upon the other. Cellars are inundated, and much property thereby injured. The efforts of citizens to do away with as much of the evil as they can are all but fruitless, owing to the hardness of the heaps and the necessity of reaching a culvert somewhere, possibly many blocks distant, by cutting a water-way to it, before obtaining any result of their labors.

There is a popular superstition that there is a communication with the main sewers of the City at almost every corner, and that it only rests with the powers that be—with the broom, to keep them clean during a thaw—to relieve us of the slush as quickly as the ice and snow resolve themselves. The truth is, that in the best sewered street in the City, Broadway, from Fourteenth-street to the Battery, there is not one communication in ten with the sewers what there ought, or of what there are assumed to be. This is the ground of perpetual complaint by the official street cleaner. The culverts all over the City are inadequate, under the circumstances we now write of, to carry off more than a fraction of the flow, even if all open, yet a tithe of those, down town at least, are hermetically closed. The down-town streets specially noticeable for their miserable condition yesterday, being the narrow ones with railroad tracks, were Varick, Thompson, Greene, Wooster, Allen and Essex. There was, however, but a degree of difference between the condition of these and that of such streets further down town as the lower end of Washington and Greenwich, Front, Water and William, and all the street running at right angles with and the avenues of the great down-town traffic to and from either river. Nassau deserves especial mention. This most populous thoroughfare, from end to end, was one dread slough of mud. There was no escaping it. Were you as tall as a two-story house the great mud splash was sure to repose itself in your bosom, write in hieroglyphics upon your hat, or admonish you of extended application of the adage, "a close mouth a wise head." To go in at one end in a suit of sables and run the gantlet to the other, was to come out in Spring costume, "pepper and salt," and leave it unrecognisable to your dearest friend who parted with you but before.

They say up at the Street Contractor's office that all that they can do to lessen this evil is being done; that their foremen have discretionary powers to employ as many men as they can put to work, but that the task of removing the melting mountains from the streets is one beyond even the all but superhuman exertions attributed to itself by this department.

Possibly something will be done some day to save the repetition from year to year of such description as this, although it conveys but feebly and in part a picture of our street condition. It would seem that this Winter has proved more discomfort for citizens than they are willing to bear. Certain prominent merchants have petitioned the Mayor for the passage of an ordinance by the Common Council for the removal of ice and snow from the City every Winter—the work to be done promptly and regularly, so that the important interests of the City may not suffer as they have done throughout the Winter, and as they now do, owing to the delays to business from impeded travel.

The Broadway bridge, whatever may be its shortcomings as "a thing of beauty and a joy forever," is fast gaining in favor. The recollection of its usefulness since this thaw began, indeed throughout all days of trial during the past winter, ought to remain with all who have had occasion to use it. For several days past thousands, probably, have crossed it hourly, and well pleased at the opportunity thus afforded of escaping the terrors of that fearful crossing. Its value would not be lessened if during such a crowding time as yesterday, loiterers on the bridge were not permitted. These sometimes take up half the width of the bridge, as they hang over the balustrades. The point of observation is a good one and there is no reason why citizens should not enjoy it, but on such days as these the lingering upon such a thoroughfare is the gratification of a selfishness which might be judiciously suppressed. A policeman might be stationed on the bridge and do good work there by saying, with that politeness for which the Broadway officers are distinguished—"Move on! please, move on!"

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Investigation of the Legislative Committee Continued—The Question of Supplies.

Yesterday the Legislative Committee on Cities resumed their investigation of the workings of the Fire Department, at the Metropolitan Hotel. During the morning proceedings, a question arose between the members of the Committee and the Fire Commissioners as to permitting the presence of witnesses in the room until they were called to testify. It was finally decided to allow them to remain.

Charles E. Gildersleeve, Secretary of the Board of Fire Commissioners, was recalled. He testified that the Fire Commissioners had visited several cities to examine the workings of fire departments, and the expenses of such trips have been paid from the department treasury; there is an appropriation in Firemen's Hall by a member of the Legislative Investigating Committee for a position; that application was made by Mr. Johnson while the Volunteer Fire Department was yet in existence; no other member of this Committee has applied for a position; witness then detailed the manner in which supplies are purchased and disposed of; the clerical force is entirely under the control of witness, and they are all competent men; a commission of twenty-six cents a bale is paid to a broker for hay; witness had received no advice from the Commissioners as to the manner in which he was to testify; Mr. Myers, as Chairman of the Auditing Committee, scrutinizes bills closely.

Chief Engineer Kingsland testified that he joined the Volunteer Department in 1846; none of the present Commissioners have interfered with witness at fires; when the companies are full there are men enough in the department to make it efficient; nearly three years' experience has convinced the witness of this fact; No. 10 Engine lies in Stone-street; at the fire in Trinity-place, last Sunday night, there was a delay of about fourteen minutes in consequence of frozen hydrants; the supply of water is not sufficient; the main pipes are eight inches in diameter; witness did not think the members of the department receive sufficient pay; they should receive as much, if not more, than the police; the outlay for uniforms is about one hundred dollars to each man; witness thinks the companies should be kept full.

Cross-examination by Gen. Shaler: Witness is of opinion that Gen. Shaler gave orders to a fireman in Mott-street, thus interfering with the Chief; has heard that Gen. Shaler called Engineer Shaunessey to account at a fire some time since on the west side of the City; does not approve of the new close-fitting coat; Mr. Gratacap has furnished the new fronts, recently adopted; an ordinary suit—coat, pantaloons and vest—costs about $45; the Summer uniform, which is of flannel, costs $18; the straw hats worn last Summer cost each man about ninety cents.

Gilbert J. Orr, District Engineer, was next called. He testified that there were sufficient men in the Department to perform the work; was of the opinion that if a policeman earned twelve hundred dollars a year, a fireman earned thirteen hundred; the cost of witness's uniform is about one hundred dollars.

James H. Monroe, foreman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 8, testified that his company was short of its full complement; does not think the men receive sufficient compensation for their services; a member of witness' company threw dice on one occasion and he was dismissed from the Department; the men in company at the time were fined twenty days' pay; the man dismissed was a Republican, the others are Democrats.

Carl Jones testified that he is storekeeper at Firemen's Hall; has been in New-York one year and a half; came here from Wisconsin; did not assist Gen. Shaler on his New-Jersey farm last Summer; have never sent supplies to the residences of the Commissioners, except when paid for by them; have sent brooms, &c., to their houses; have never said that he expected to be appointed secretary; the fatigue caps cost $2 78 cents each; the messenger has taken supplies to Gen. Shaler's house; the amount of such purchases has not exceeded $15; witness' salary is $1,000 a year; witness declines to swear whether or not he is a relative of Gen. Shaler's; the present system of supplying clothing to the department is a saving to members.

Gen. Shaler, President of the Board of Fire Commissioners, was recalled.—He testified to the purchase of cloth used by the department by the Commissioners en Supplies; the price of the cloth was $5 50 per yard; on disposing of the cloth to the foremen the Commissioners charged $5 78 per yard, the difference in price going to cover loss by short measure and wastage; with reference to the fire in Greenwich-street, near Trinity-place, he thought a delay of twelve minutes in getting a stream of water on the burning building was occasioned by a short supply of water in that vicinity; he had never been engaged in any purchase for the Department which resulted to his personal pecuniary gain.

William Wood testified that he belonged to the Citizens' Association; he, with other gentlemen of the Association, had witnessed the manner in which business was conducted at the Headquarters of the Department, and were satisfied with what they saw; they had also examined two engine-houses and were pleased with the system adopted there; witness then gave his testimony as to the good reputation which the Department sustained with the public.

As to the subject of excluding the Commissioners and some others from the room while witnesses were being examined, on the ground that the witnesses might be embarrassed in answering questions, Mr. JOHNSON said he had received a letter from Mr. GEORGE CLARK, of the Ninth Ward, in which that gentleman charges Mr. Wood, member of Engine No. 24, and who was examined Wednesday, with having perjured himself by saying he had not taken an active part in any election, the author knowing that Mr. Wood had charge of a booth in the Ninth Ward on the occasion of the fall election in 1867.

Commissioner Abbe was then recalled. He testified to the amount expended for conducting the harness, machine, and repair shops in the latter part of 1866 and the latter part of July, 1867, he had vouchers for everything that had been purchased and paid for on account of the Department, from the time the Department was organized up to the 31st of January, 1868. Mr. ABBE then gave some further testimony relating to the purchase of supplies.

After one or two other unimportant witnesses had been examined the Committee adjourned.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting—Reports—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held at the Metropolitan Bank yesterday, W. A. BOOTH, President, in the chair, Rev. C. L. BRACE, Secretary.

Mr. BRACE presented the fifteenth annual report of the Society, an exceedingly interesting document, of which the following is an abstract: The fifteenth annual report begins with congratulating those engaged in the work of the Society, that the public confidence has placed them where they can stretch out their hands with aid to numbers who are, more than all others, neglected and unfortunate. These workers can have but small reward here beyond the gratification which is born of success in slowly building up the Kingdom of God among men. The work of the Society has to do with children, but through them it reaches the recesses beyond, and puts it in possession of a history of charity and the need of it among the lowest of the City poor. Teachers taking an interest in the children under their care, not unfrequently follow them to their homes, and there learn how wretched misery and poverty can make the lives of human beings, and how powerful are the temptations in the outer world to draw these poor children into the vortex of crime. Besides the visitors and the teachers engaged in the noble work of the Society, there now and again springs up some benevolent Christian lady or gentleman who, not being possessed of the tact, nor the health, perhaps, to do the work, provide the means by which others are enabled to obey the inspiration to do good. The children are picked up, and in only fed, and clothed, and cleansed, but in many hundreds of cases lodged, and in addition to all this, educated in such branches of knowledge as teach them somewhat of their relations with, and responsibilities to society. From the West the mails bring the grateful words of youths who have been saved from destruction through the instrumentality of the Childrens' Aid Society and the agents who have been distributing these children in various parts of the country, bring back satisfactory reports of the wonderful transformations resulting from the introduction into new homes of the children of the City, who were "ready to perish." During the last fifteen years between thirteen and fourteen thousand homeless or destitute boys and girls, at an expense of not more than $15 each, have been removed from the City, provided with new and happy homes, and started on a good course of life. "Here they would have become burdens on the public charge, have swollen the ranks of the criminal and dangerous class. There they have, in the main, become good citizens and aided to develop the West. This transplantation of the city youth is held not to be of so much service after they have reached the age of 16 years, hence the removal takes place at an earlier age. The operations of the society tell effectively on the machinations of criminals in the City. Children are used extensively as instruments in the commission of offences, and when the most needy of them are removed to the country, beyond the reach of want, the older criminals are driven to other resources for help or driven from criminal into industrial pursuits. The number of street vagrants and homeless little children has diminished from 30,000—the figures of former years—to not more than 15,000 or 20,000. During the past year, through the operations of the Society, 1,361 boys, 473 girls, 38 men and 51 women—a total of 1,923—have been provided with homes and employment. Some of the instrumentalities to bring about this result may be named: The Girls' Lodging-house, No. 205 Canal-street; the Newsboy's Lodging-house, No. 128 Fulton-street; Refuge for Homeless Children, corner of Eighth-avenue and Twenty-fourth-street; Boys' Industrial School, No. 709 Eleventh-street; East River Industrial School, No. 205 East Forties-street; Industrial School for Girls, No. 120 West Sixteenth-street; Hudson River Industrial School, corner of Thirty-third-street and Eighth-avenue; German social and Industrial School, No. 254 Second-street; Italian School, No. 110 Centre-street; Hamersley-street Industrial School, No. 204 Bleecker-street, entrance on Cottage-place; Five Points Ward Industrial School, No. 50 Trinity-place, Rector-street; Avenue B Industrial School, No. 301 East Fourteenth-street; Fourteenth Ward School, corner of Canal and Baxter streets; Park Industrial School, Emmanuel Chapel, Sixty-eighth-street, near Broadway; Graham Industrial School, Fifty-fourth-street, near Eleventh-avenue; St. John's Park Industrial School, No. 141 Hudson-street; Phelps' Industrial School, No. 593 First-avenue, near Thirty-fifth-street; Newsboys' Evening School, No. 128 Fulton-street; Eleventh-avenue School, West Fifty-second-street, near Eleventh-avenue; Cornell Industrial School, No. 932 Third-avenue, near Fifty-ninth-street. The number of attendants at the schools is, on the roll, 8,165; average attendance, 1,851.

J. E. WILLIAMS, Esq., presented the Treasurer's report, which sets forth that the receipts and expenditures of the Society for the fifteen years of its existence have amounted to $510,243 35. The receipts last year were $115,017 23, and the expenses were $113,640 99, exceeding by $31,000 the payments of any previous year. At the close of last year the Children's Aid Society sustained thirteen Industrial Schools. Now, including the school connected with the Newsboys' Lodging-house, the number is seventeen. In addition to this large increase, there are two about to be established—one near Twenty-third-street and the other near Corlear's Hook. A benevolent lady founded one with a gift of $1,000 per annum—the "Phelps School"—and another lady, to establish one, has secured $500. These schools have cost during the past year $29,940 92. About $8,000 of this sum has been expended for bread. Indeed, many of the children who attend get no meal till they receive the simple dinner provided for them at noon by the Society. The suffering this Winter, even among the respectable poor, is more severe than has been experienced for ten years. Want of employment is the general complaint. In one respect, however, our visitors report an improvement. Many of the wretched tenement-houses, where human beings packed together, living like brutes, have, within the past two years, been torn down, or reformed, through the energetic and humane action of the Board of Health. But much is yet to be done to the same end. The places where these poor creatures crawl out into existence, often embittered by disease, are obtained only at high rents, and through remorseless agents, who rigorously represent rapacious landlords. Our Industrial Schools are literally stepping-stones to a higher plane of life. Families have been raised from the lowest depths of degradation, and so elevated—sometimes parents as well as children—that they could hardly see a trace of their former selves. One powerful means of this improvement is found in the one hour a week given by ladies to teach these poor children to sew."

The following gentlemen were elected Trustees for the ensuing year: Messrs. MARLON T. HEWITT, JOHN E. WILLIAMS, CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD and DAVID R. JAQUES.

Subsequently, the Trustees held a meeting, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. A. BOOTH, President; JOHN E. WILLIAMS, Treasurer, and Rev. CHARLES L. BRACE, Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE PONTIFICAL ZOUAVES.

Their Arrival in this City—Services at the Jesuits' College—High Mass this Morning.

The detachment of Pontifical Zouave recruits from Canada, *en route* to Rome, that arrived here Thursday morning by the New-Haven Railroad cars, at once proceeded to the College of the Jesuits in West Sixteenth-street, where they were duly received by Right Rev. Bishop FINNOCAULT, late of Albany. This detachment numbers 125 men, all in good spirits and full of enthusiasm. They were under the command of Capts. TAILLEFER, FARCHELLE and DECOZES. The whole party are of the French Canadian stock, and are understood to be of good education and high social *status*. They are arrayed in uniform made of Canadian flannel; the dress consisting of a round jacket and pantaloons, white linen gaiters, short boots and round felt Spanish hat. The trimmings are of blue. They appear to be, generally, about 28 years of age and average about five feet ten inches in height. Their standard bearer is six feet two inches high, and of athletic build. Fifty of the standard followers are cadets, and many of them have left the learned professions to embark in their military career. Waving over them as they marched to the *St. Laurent* from the College was their standard of white silk, worked in gold, and appropriately embellished on one side with the Papal arms, and on the reverse with the Canadian crest with the motto, *Aime Dieu s on ton chemin*, which, being interpreted, means, "Love God and go thy way." The chaplains accompanying them are Rev. M. E. MORREAU and Rev. J. LUSSIEU. They are also accompanied hither by Messrs. C. A. LE BLANC, E. BARRARD and J. ROYAL, representatives of the committee of twelve appointed to raise the corps.

Previous to leaving Montreal, a grand religious demonstration took place in the parish church, (Notre Dame,) on which occasion the venerable Bishop of Montreal presented the flag, which has already been described, at the same time asking the question: Will you, brave children of religion and the country, take your oath to do nothing during the noble crusade on which you are about to enter, which might make blush your faith and your land, of which you desire to be the ornament and the glory, in the eyes of stronger nations?

The Zouaves answered with a simultaneous shout: "Yes; we promise it."

Then they received the consecrated banner.

The Montreal *Gazette* furnishes the following historical notice of the circumstances under which the corps was raised:

"Among the Pontifical Zouaves who took part in the fight at Mentana, were two or three Canadians. Two were wounded. They wrote home to their friends, and their letters were published throughout the country. It may have been the immediate interest thus excited—or the appeals made from every Catholic pulpit for aid for the Pope, whose temporal power seemed doomed to immediate destruction. In any case the train was fired, and the French Press began to advocate the sending not only of money, but of men to the aid of the Supreme Pontiff. The movement speedily became popular. Every pulpit preached the Nineteenth Century Crusade. One or two young men started for the Eternal City to offer their swords in the Holy Father's service. The cause, endowed with the attributes of romance and religious enthusiasm, enlisted the sympathies of every Catholic in Canada. A Central Committee was established, and the movement was placed under its direction. On communicating with the Papal authorities at Rome, it was found that unless a full battalion of six hundred men was sent forward, the Canadian recruits must be distributed among the various battalions now existing. This did not suit the promoters of the scheme. They wished Canada to send a complete regiment of her own, and thus to eclipse all Europe in her effort in favor of the Catholic power. For many, too, wished for a separate organization, for their own officers and their own bivouac—a little Canada on the banks of the far-away yellow Tiber. It was, therefore, resolved to send 600 men to Rome. For this purpose every cure in Canada became a local Peter the Hermit, and every Catholic newspaper office a recruiting bureau. Contributions poured in, and names were rapidly added to the lists, until at last the Committee was compelled to announce that no more recruits could for the present be received. The movement has not been without opposition. Many people have argued that the enlistment of men in this country, destined probably for service against a Power with whom the mother country was at peace, was illegal. If, they said, no fine was too heavy, no imprisonment too long, for men who enlisted soldiers to fight in the American army, the same rigid justice should prevail in this case also. Nor were rumors of intended Government interference wanting; but the facts remain that the men were enlisted, the money subscribed, and the whole movement successfully conducted, no man daring to molest them or to make them afraid."

It may be remembered, says the same authority, that JOHN H. SURRATT, when a fugitive from justice, charged with complicity in the murder of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, for a year concealed his identity by connecting himself with the Papal Zouaves.

The corps now in this City, previous to leaving Canada underwent a medical examination and were pronounced fit for service. Their *status* in the Roman army is not yet fixed, as when they arrive in Rome they will present themselves to the Holy Father as ready for service in any capacity he may please to employ them.

Yesterday morning, Bishop PINSONCAULT celebrated mass in the Jesuits' College before the Zouaves and congregation, which he delivered a discourse from the text, *Vobis datum Scire mysterium Dei, Cateris autem in parabolis.*

In the course of the day many persons called at the College to pay their respects to the Zouaves, and to bid them "Godspeed" on their errand to Rome. Subsequently they left the College and marched in a body to the steamship St. Laurent, at the foot of Morton-street, where, after embarking, they spent their time in going through military evolutions, without arms.

This morning at 7:30 o'clock High Mass will be celebrated in their behalf at St. Peter's Church, Barclay-street, in presence of Archbishop MCCLOSKEY. At noon they will sail for Europe.

The Poor Sought and Succored.

One may get an idea of poverty from the pitiable street beggars, from those miserable forms seen at basement doors, from the motley crowds at No. 1 Bond-street, or at the City Prison, or Police Stations. But neither of these spectacles, nor all combined, will furnish an adequate conception of the real suffering experienced in homes of destitution and pinching want. It is to the garret, where is hidden away the widow and the orphan, who never go out to beg; to the dingy little room where the respectable laboring man is dying with consumption; to the plain apartments of the mechanic, out of work, who has pawned everything, for the rent. It is to these, and such as these, that one must go if he would understand what privation and misfortune means. And the visitors of the poor, the City missionaries, bible readers and other benevolent agents, are daily going from house to house, that they may find out and relieve the want that is never thrust before the public eye.

The New-York City Mission, the oldest organization of the kind, entirely unsectarian in its spirit, management and object, has in its employment 43 City missionaries, male and female, whose voluntary associates take up and constantly engaged in their work of love and mercy, and making glad the hearts of the worthy and industrious but unfortunate poor. It must be perfectly obvious to every reader, that the City missionaries, from their experience among all classes of persons, and their habits of close discrimination, and their accurate local knowledge of the districts under their care, are eminently qualified to act as almoners in behalf of the charitable. And it is believed that many wealthy donors would be glad to furnish the city missionaries with the means necessary to extend relief in emergencies, and save the unfortunate and deserving from pauperism. Any sums specially designed for this purpose will be gratefully received at any of the City Mission stations, or at the City Mission Rooms, No. 30 Bible House, and appropriated according to the donor's wish. Any cast-off clothing or materials for clothing, or bedding, will be gladly received.

A Caution to Hackmen.

Yesterday morning a case was examined before Marshal TAPPAN, at the Mayor's office, which will prove a warning to unscrupulous hackmen to observe the law, if they do not respect it. DAVID JONES, owner of hack No. 614, was arrested by Officer Cole, of the Twenty-sixth Precinct, on a charge of having entered the New-Haven cars to solicit passengers. For this offence he was fined $1. As JONES was leaving the Mayor's office, he was called back by Officer DUNN, of the Twenty-sixth Precinct, and the following complaint was made against him: GEORGE W. LEWIS, a colored man, said that he arrived in this City last night by the New-Haven train, in company with his wife. Mr. LEWIS came from Westfield, Mass., and was on his way to Washington. JONES entered the car and asked LEWIS if he wanted a coach. The latter asked JONES what he would charge to take him to the wharf of a Washington steamer. JONES replied that he did not know how much it would be. He said he thought the steamer did not go until Saturday, and that LEWIS would have to go to a hotel. JONES drove LEWIS and his wife down to the Southern Hotel, in Cortlandt-street, and after learning when the steamer left, took them to a colored boarding-house in Broome-street. JONES charged LEWIS $10, which was paid, the latter not knowing that much the service was worth. In the morning he learned that he had paid too much, and made a complaint against JONES. Marshal TAPPAN required JONES to refund the $10 to LEWIS, and then revoked his license.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TOMBS—DOWLING, Justice.

THE KNIFE.

MICHAEL MEAD, of No. 37 Mulberry-street, and JOHN KELLY, of No. 53 Baxter-street, quarreled on Thursday night, and KELLY was stabbed in the neck by his opponent. MEAD was arrested and on being arraigned before the magistrate was fully committed in default of $500 bail.

EMBEZZLEMENT.

THOS. CARMAN, of No. 48 Perry-street, gave JOSEPH CLARK, an employe, $10 a few days ago, with instructions to purchase seats in one of the theatres. Young CLARK failed to do so, and kept the money for his own use. He was arrested yesterday and held for trial.

ROBBING A COLORED SOLDIER.

GEORGE GIBBS, a returned colored soldier, now residing in Philadelphia, arrived in this City a day or two ago for the purpose of collecting his bounty. Yesterday GIBBS called at the grocery No. 83 West Broadway, and requested WM. PIVERETTI, the clerk, to change a $20 bill, at the same time making a few purchases. When the customer asked for his change it is alleged that PIVERETTI refused to give it or acknowledge that he had received the bill. He, however, offered GIBBS ten cents. Officer HICKEY arrested the clerk, after which a friend of the accused endeavored to settle with GIBBS by offering a $20 bill, when the Police Sergeant detained both friend and money. The case was then brought before the magistrate and PIVERETTI committed the prisoner for trial and sent the complainant to the House of Detention to ensure his appearance as a witness at the trial.

COMPLAINT DISMISSED.

The examination of THOMAS TRACY, a watchman

in which to answer the same as a defendant in any ordinary action; that all the proceedings thus far were coram non judice, and were absolutely void—not voidable merely. Again, there was a nonjoinder, which was fatal. The Erie Railway Company should have been made a party. No action could be taken without the Company being a party, and in a special proceeding by petition the Company could not be included. Besides, the Attorney-General had no business to undertake a proceeding of this nature. The people of the State of New-York, said counsel, have no interest in the result of these proceedings, and the Attorney-General had no right to undertake this case in the people's name. This is a most unparalleled proceeding. Mr. Drew is suspended from his office at the very outset of the litigation. Judgment, it seems, has been rendered against him at the beginning instead of at the end of a litigation, as is usual in the ordinary course of judicial proceedings.

Another point taken by counsel was that the affidavit of Mr. Work was insufficient. It was on information and belief merely. Such an affidavit would not answer for the purpose of getting an ordinary attachment or order of arrest. Mr. Work had sworn that he did not believe Mr. Drew was a good man; he had abused his trust, &c., but all this was on information and belief. Suppose Mr. Drew to-day should make such affidavit in regard to Mr. Work? Every man who is defeated in an election may perhaps suppose that his victorious opponent is untrustworthy.

Judge BARNARD said that before granting the order to show cause he had carefully examined the statutes, and he had come to the conclusion he had the power to grant it at the instance of the Attorney-General. As to the verification made by Mr. Frank Work, he (the Judge) had some doubts. It was no doubt a special proceeding and not an action, and the Attorney-General had the right to make the application he had.

Mr. Field—But is it the idea of the Court that this case can be tried on affidavits?

Judge Barnard—I think it is a special proceeding. I can't say anything further on that point.

Judge John K. Porter said that this case arises in a different manner from the one referred to by the opposing counsel. There the Attorney-General, representing the People, instituted his proceeding in their behalf, and what the Court there held was that in the case of a public officer acting upon official responsibility, it was sufficient that he allege these facts upon his information and belief. In this case the public officer did not give the Court the benefit of his own verification of the allegations which were made in his name. The petition must stand or fall upon the verification of the facts it contained. Under this statute the question is purely jurisdictional. If the facts which establish Mr. Drew guilty of a breach of trust do not appear, it will be conceded at once that there is no authority to grant a suspension from his office. His Honor had very pertinently suggested that the words of the statute are very analogous to that in reference to injunctions. In that class of cases the injunction cannot be sustained by affidavits founded upon mere information and belief. So in this case the first question arising is, whether his Honor would sustain the order for the suspension of Mr. Drew. Has it judicially appeared to the Court by evidence that Mr. Drew has been guilty of a breach of trust? If so, what and where is that evidence? There is nothing whatever in the body of the complaint. The affidavit of Mr. Frank Work is that he knows some of the contents of that paper, and he believes the matters therein stated to be true. Does it appear that Mr. Drew has violated his trust? No; but it does appear that Frank Work, upon information and belief, says he, Drew, has violated his trust. Will the Court become the accuser of Mr. Drew? Will your Honor take more responsibility than Mr. Work has seen fit to do? For certainly, Work has not taken the responsibility of averring that Mr. Drew has been guilty of a breach of trust. The responsibility he has taken is to declare that the statements made by some person or persons, whose names he does not disclose, that Mr. Drew has been guilty of breach of trust. Can I remove Mr. Vanderbilt as an officer of the New-York Central, the Hudson River or the Harlem Railroads, by merely making an affidavit upon information and belief that Mr. Vanderbilt has been guilty of a breach of trust? Such an intimation would be most fatal to the great enterprises on which depend the wealth, the honor, the prosperity of our country. Can a trustee of a corporation, or a director of a bank, be removed from office on an affidavit such as that of Mr. Work's, by an *ex parte* Chambers-order? If so, then, indeed, corporations are the most helpless of all created beings.

Mr. Field asked for an order to show cause at the General Term, which convenes on Monday next. He wished to appeal.

Mr. Fullerton—There will be no General Term except for decisions.

Mr. Rapallo—They want to make no answer, and have that serve the same purpose as if they had given us an answer.

Mr. Field—You will have an answer if you will put your charges in such shape that some one will swear to them. But it is now to be decided for the first time that a man can be called upon to answer because another man believes he has done wrong. You will, however, get enough of this litigation before you are through with it. He wished to appeal at once to the General Term from the decision of Judge BARNARD in denying the motion to dismiss for want of jurisdiction.

It was finally determined that the case should be brought on for argument on the merits at 11 A. M. on Wednesday next.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—FEB. 21.

Before Judge McCunn and a Jury.

INTERESTING TO LANDLORDS AND TENANTS—WHO OWN THE VAULTS UNDER THE SIDEWALKS?

George W. Coster vs. *John R. Peters.*—This action was brought by the plaintiff, as owner of the premises No. 539 Broadway, now occupied by Barnum's Museum, running through from Broadway to Mercer-street, to recover the possession of a vault adjoining his rear building on Mercer-street, built under the sidewalk and road-bed of that street, being twenty feet wide, twenty feet deep and twenty-five feet long, and damages for its detention for five years, from 1858 to 1863, under the following circumstances: The plaintiff, in 1848, leased the premises to the defendant for ten years, and the lease provided that the tenant should, during his term, erect and complete upon the lot a building fronting on Mercer-street of certain specified dimensions and description, which did not include a vault, and that at the end of his term the lessor should pay him the then value of the building so agreed to be erected at a price to be fixed by appraisement. The defendant erected the building, and desiring to manufacture his own gas for use therein procured a license in his own name from the Street Commissioner permitting him to construct the vault in question, built it in pursuance of the license and erected his gasometer therein. When the lease expired the defendant claimed to be paid for the vault as well as for the building, but the appraisers under instructions, as was claimed, from the plaintiff, and not finding the vault provided for in the lease, excluded it from their valuation, and appraised the building, without the vault, at $10,000, which sum was paid by the plaintiff, who took possession of the building; but the defendant refused to give up possession of the vault, and this action was brought. The plaintiff proved the lease, the license, and the corporation ordinances, and claimed that the permit was given to Peters only as tenant and representative of the property, and although it was to him personally, it nevertheless inured to the benefit of the estate, and gave him no right to maintain adverse possession of the vault after his lease expired. But the defendant insisted that, inasmuch as the fee of the street was in the corporation, and the plaintiff showed no title there, he was in his own right tenant or grantee of the corporation, as to the vault, and could not be ejected. The case was first tried before the late Judge White and a jury, in 1863, and the Court instructed the jury that the plaintiff as owner of the building to which the vault was appurtenant, was entitled to the vault, and a verdict was given for $200 damages for the detention. The defendants appealed to the General Term, who reversed the rulings of Judge White, holding that, as the plaintiff showned no title in the street, he could not recover the vault under it, but that the tenant might hold and occupy the vault adversely after surrendering the adjoining building, and ordered a new trial. On this trial the plaintiff, in addition to his former evidence, proved the deed of the premises to Judge Coster in 1852, bounding on the easterly line of Mercer-street, and undisturbed possession under it for over twenty years, and that the vault was actually built as a part of the house, the wall of the house being one wall of the vault; and gave further proof of the value of the vault in connection with the house by the testimony of real estate dealers, and by the fact that the vault was used by Barnum as the place of safe-keeping for his elephant in connection with his menagerie. Judge MCCUNN held that the new proof as to the title and construction of the vault, so far varied the case from that which was presented to the General Term, as to require him again to instruct the jury that the plaintiff was entitled to the vault as a part of the building erected on his land. The following were the rulings of the Judge:

I hold that without any show of written title on the part of owners of this easement or right, other than that which has in this case been proven to be acquired by the plaintiff—to wit, the uninterrupted possession for over twenty years—this alone was enough, in the absence of a superior title, to enable plaintiff to recover; and, moreover, I will state that, upon proof of this title to the land in front of the highway, in the absence of a better title, the right of the plaintiff to the property or easement is presumed; in other words upon proof of title everything which is collateral to the title will be intended without proof. Therefore I think the plaintiffs herein should recover. It is also made clear on this trial that the vault is a part of the premises, the inside wall of the vault being the outside wall of the house, and being part of the lot. This question was left to the jury last time, improperly, and I therefore withhold it. The case, as presented now, is different to the case as presented at the General Term. Here the deed to the Costar family is put in evidence; in the other action it was not. The deed shows uninterrupted possession for over twenty years.

The jury, under the new proof of value, rendered a verdict for damages at the rate of $200 per annum, amounting to $966. Leave was given to the defendant to make a case, for the purpose of again carrying the questions involved to the General Term and to the Court of Appeals, who will finally determine whether such a vault is part of the house and belongs to the owner and landlord, or whether the tenant building it under a license procured by himself may retain it after his lease expires and carry on in it a separate business in front of his landlord's premises.

EVARTS, Southmayd & Choate for plaintiff: E. P. Wheeler for defendant.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Justice Ingraham.

THE BROAD-STREET MURDER.

On Monday morning William O'Brien will be arraigned for trial for the murder of a fellow laborer, Lawrence Mullen, at the corner of Broad and Beaver streets, on the morning of the 28th of last month.

At a late hour on the Monday evening before this occurrence the two men quarreled while at work on a down-town pier, though nothing worse than harsh and bitter words passed between them. At a few minutes after 8 o'clock of the following morning the parties met again on the corner of Broad and Beaver streets, when O'Brien made a sudden and wholly unlooked for assault with a large knife upon Mullen, who was fatally wounded in the neck. Thomas Foley, of No. 18 Roosevelt-street, gave the alarm, and Officer Waller, of the First Precinct, arrested O'Brien, who exclaimed, "I did it and will go to the Station-house with you," and surrendered the weapon. The wounded man was conveyed to the New-York Hospital, where he soon expired. When asked to plead formally at the bar by the Court of General Sessions recently, the prisoner acknowledged his guilt, but Recorder HACKETT advised him to avail himself of the privilege of trial by jury, and assigned counsel to protect him. The matter was then transferred to Oyer and Terminer.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 21.

By Judge Cardozo.

Samuel A. Way *vs.* The C. G. Colgate Manufacturing Company; the motion must be denied without prejudice to a new motion, upon proof that the Company is moving, that is by an attorney shown to be authorized to act for the Company. No costs.

William Wallace et al. *vs.* Louis Colin; motion denied, with $5 costs to abide the event.

Duncan *vs.* Hobbs; reference ordered to take proofs, &c.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Recorder Hackett.

Very little business was transacted yesterday at the Court of General Sessions. The following cases were passed upon by Recorder HACKETT:

Wm. Findley, a lad 16 years of age, was tried for snatching a pocket-book containing $100 from the hand of Joseph Liecht, a newspaper vender, who keeps a stand at the corner of Hudson and Hammond streets. There was a deficiency in the legal proof of the prisoner's guilt, and the jury therefore acquitted him, and he was discharged.

Jacob Kissner, a marble polisher, pleaded guilty of stealing a set of harness worth $35 from Conrad Stahl, of No. 108 Ridge-street, on the 11th inst. The prisoner was sentenced to the Penitentiary for six months.

Wm. J. Baker, convicted of false pretences on a previous day, was sentenced to the State Prison for three years.

Mr. Gunning S. Bedford, Jr., represented the people.

The Court then adjourned for the term.

CITY COURT—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Thompson.

A CURIOUS CASE—ALLEGED ROBBERY BY A WOMAN.

Louis Marstella vs. *Henry Simpson and Eliza Simpson, his wife.*—The plaintiff brought suit to recover $1,500, the value of property alleged to have been surreptitiously taken from his saloon, No. 118 Fulton-avenue, by the defendant, Eliza Simpson, between the 6th of August, 1866, and the 29th of October, 1867. The saloon was on the first floor, and the upper part of the house was occupied by the defendants, who had previously sold out the business to plaintiff. Marstella, between the above stated terms, missed various amounts of money and liquors from his place, and this state of affairs continuing, he finally resolved to watch for the thief, and accordingly remained in the saloon one night. At about 4 or 5 o'clock on the morning following he saw Mrs. Simpson enter the place, and (as alleged) remove the money-drawer. He immediately caught hold of her, and called in Officer Riley, of the Fourth Precinct, who subsequently took her before Justice Dunne. Here, as claimed, she pleaded guilty to petit larceny, and was fined $15 by the magistrate. Plaintiff claimed that he lost property to the above amounts during these dates, his calculations being based upon his purchases, &c., and, being called to the stand, testified to the value of the property, &c.

On the part of the defence it was claimed that no theft whatever had been committed by either of the defendants, and that on the morning in question Mrs. Simpson had arisen to feed her husband's horse, the being in the habit of riding horse-back to his work on prospect days, and, seeing a light in the saloon, suspected that all was not right within. She thereupon entered, when her own light was extinguished by the draft of air, and she went behind the counter for some matches, when plaintiff caught her. Mrs. Simpson denied that she had ever stolen any property from plaintiff, and charged that she had taken some of her husband's liquor from the cellar. She further denied that she had pleaded guilty before the magistrate, but admitted that her husband had paid the $15. It would appear that the plea was made by the husband for the purpose of settling the case as speedily as possible. Mr. Simpson testified that his wife had been in the habit of feeding his horse every morning, and denied that he had ever received any property alleged to have been stolen by her.

The case on both sides being closed, counsel for defence moved for a dismissal of the complaint on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to connect either of the defendants with the losses previously sustained by plaintiff. The Court granted the motion.

GEO. Crooke for plaintiff; Messrs. H. C. Place and John F. Troy for defendants.

COURT OF SESSIONS—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Troy, and Justices Hoyt and Voorhies.

ALLEGED ASSAULT UPON A POLICEMAN—CLUBBING A DRUNKEN MAN.

William Scanlon, a young man about 18 years of age, was placed on trial under an indictment charging him with having committed an assault upon Officer Boone, of the Forty-eighth Precinct.

From the officer's evidence it appeared that on the 27th of December last, he attempted to arrest a drunken man named McCarthy, in Eighteenth-street (Gowanus,) when the prisoner approached from behind and seized him (witness,) at the same time taking hold of his club. In the meantime, McCarthy escaped and Scanlon ran into his own house, as he was the cause of the trouble. The officer thereupon pursued and took him from from the house.

Several witnesses were examined on behalf of the defence, who testified that before the prisoner had seized the officer, the latter had clubbed the drunken man. Scanlon ordered him to stop clubbing the man, but Boone refused to do so, whereupon the prisoner interfered as already described.

The jury remained out for some time, and when they reappeared in the court-room, it transpired that they could not agree upon a verdict—eleven being for acquittal and one for conviction. The Assistant District-Attorney thereupon entered a *nolle prosequi*, and the prisoner was discharged.

For the prosecution Assistant District-Attorney Thomas E. Pearsall; for defence Mr. John Andrews.

ANOTHER CASE OF ALLEGED CLUBBING.

A man named Martin Mulligan was placed on trial charged with having committed an assault upon Officer Edward McCarty, of the Forty-second Precinct. According to the evidence of the officer, it appeared that on the 26th of October last he found the prisoner intoxicated at the corner of York and Bridge streets, and ordered him to go into his house, which was near by. The prisoner refused, whereupon the officer seized him for the purpose of arresting him. Mulligan resisting, succeeded in escaping from the officer's grasp and ran up an alleyway in the direction of his house. McCarthy followed, and had arrived within a few feet of the prisoner's house, when the latter turned and attempted to stab him with a case-knife. The officer raised his club in a threatening manner, entered the house, and with the aid of some citizens arrested Mulligan. On the cross-examination witness admitted that he had previously had some trouble with the prisoner, and denied that he had stated on the hearing before the magistrate that Mulligan had attempted to strike him with his fists. The evidence of several witnesses for the defence showed that the prisoner was not disorderly at the time in question, and that he refused to leave on the ground that he was on his own premises. McCarthy then seized him, and, "running" him up the alley-way, brutally clubbed him about the head upon arriving at the door. He then entered the house and made the arrest. Mulligan did not strike at him. As to the knife, it was shown that it had been knocked from an ice-box during the struggle, and that the officer found it on the floor. The jury acquitted the prisoner without leaving their seats, and Judge TROY directed the District Attorney to prosecute the case of the officer (for alleged brutality) to the grand jury.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

Peter Wilderster was tried on an indictment for assault and battery, the complaining witness being one Paul Barberino. It appeared that on the 27th of July last the defendant met Barberino in Ewen-st., E. D., and became involved in a quarrel with him, and finally struck him with his fists. On the part of the defence two witnesses testified that Barberino first attempted to strike Wilderster. The jury, however, convicted the prisoner, who was thereupon fined $25. For the prosecution, Mr. Pearsall; for the defence, Mr. Davis.

PRIZE FIGHTING.

Three men named John Sherry, John Cary and Thomas Murray, who were indicted for aiding and abetting in a prize fight, were arraigned and pleaded guilty. The prisoners were arrested a few months since by the Police of the Forty-fourth Precinct, for being among the crowd of spectators who had assembled in the back yard of a house on Flushing-avenue, for the purpose of witnessing a prize fight. Judge TROY fined each of them in the sum of $25.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb. 21, 1868.

$13,000	U. S. 6s '81, R..	111⅞	100	N. Y. Cen. R.	s10 130⅛
2,500	U. S. 6s, 5-20, R.,		300	do	130⅜
	'62	108	1500	do	130
20,000	U.S. 6s, 5-20s, C.		100	do	129⅞
	'62	111⅛	500	do	130
50,000	do	s30 111⅛	1000	do	s10 129⅞
5,100	U. S. 6s, 5-20s, R.		3800	do	129⅞
	'65	107⅞	100	do	129⅝
5,000	U. S. 6-20s, C.,		25	do	129⅝
	'65	new 107⅞	200	Erie R	70
3,000	do	107⅞	1500	do	69⅞
2,500	U. S. 5-20s, C. '67		2000	do	69¾
	New Issue	106⅛	500	do	69¾
125,000	do	108¼	200	do	s10 69⅝
7,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40, C.	105⅞	0	do	69
5,000	do	new 106⅝	100	do	69⅛
5,000	Tr. No. 68, 7 3-10s		1200	do	69¼
	2d series	107⅛	100	do	b60 69⅜
110,000	Tenn. 6s, new	62¾	500	Reading R.	92¾
1,000	do	62¾	600	do	92¾
35,000	do	2d call 62¾	100	Illinois Cen.	s30 139
15,000	do	62¾	200	do	138
1,106	Ga. St. 6s	70	100	Panama R.	94½
2,000	do	70	400	Clev. & Pitts R.	94¾
5,000	Ga. St. 7s	82	200	do	94
18,100	N. Car. 6s	x-c 55	1500	do	s10 95⅛
1,000	N. C. S. 6s, new	55½	500	do	b10 95⅜
5,000	do	do 55½	100	Chic. & N. W	89⅛
1,000	Missouri 6s	104⅛	800	Chic. & N. W. Pf.	72¾
6,000	do	104⅜	100	do	b10 72¾
2,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83.	93⅝	6300	do	73
9,000	Mich. So. 2d M.	85	50	do	73
1,000	Alt. & T. H. 1st.	86	100	do	2d call 73
5,000	Alt. & T. H. Inc.	61¼	800	Clev. & Tol.	108
30,000	C. & N. W. Con'd		200	do	107⅞
	Con. Bds	86½	100	do	b60 107⅞
5,000	Grt. W. 2d M.	17	400	do	107⅞
1,000	N. J. Cen. 1st M.	101¼	300	do	107⅝
10,000	Dubu'e & S. C. 1st	86	200	do	108⅛
10,000	C. & G. E. 1st M.	80	400	do	108⅜
10,000	Gt. Bar. & Q. 8s	103	400	do	108⅝
2,000	W. U. Tel. 7s, bds.	81	200	Chic. & R. I.	95¾
5,000	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d.	93½	6.3	do	97
50	Union Bank	115	100	do	s10 97
85	Bk. of Commerce	117	1500	Mil. & St. P.	90
20	Am. Ex. Bank	121	100	do	85⅝
80	Fourth Nat. Bk	109	100	do	86
100	Del. & Hud. Ca	147	100	Mil. & St. Paul Pf.	66⅜
10	do	146⅜	100	do	66¾
10	do	2d call 146	300	do	66⅝
500	West. U. Tel	84⅛	300	do	66¾
200	do	s60 84	100	do	66⅝
600	do	84	400	Tol., W. & W.	45½
100	do	83⅝	100	do	45⅝
81	do	83⅝	100	do	45¾
100	Quick. Min. Co.	24	1000	P., Ft. W. & C.	100
100	Pacific Mail	s30 103⅜	200	do	100⅛
100	do	103⅜	500	do	100¼
200	do	103⅝	1020	do	s30 100¼
100	do	2d call 103⅝	500	do	s60 100¼
100	Atlantic Mail	97⅞	25	do	101
100	do	97⅞	154	New-Jersey Cen. R	117
100	Adams Ex	74	50	do	116⅞
100	do	74⅛	8.0	Alt. & T. H. Pf.	74
40	do	73⅝	100	Ohio & Miss. R.	30⅝
300	do	74	200	do	30⅜
50	Wells-Fargo Ex	40⅜	9.0	do	30⅝
100	do	40⅞	1000	do	31
20	Amer. Ex	70	500	Ohio & Miss. Pf.	75
40	Mer. U. Ex	33	200	Mar. & Chi. 1st. Pf.	99
50	Hud. R. R.	144	10	Mar. & C. 2d Pf.	13
225	N. Y. & N. H. R.	141	100	do	29¼
40	Reading R.	93	50	H. & St. J. R.	73
200	do	92⅝	100	do	72¾
3800	do	92⅞	100	H. & St. J. Pf.	78⅜
200	do	2d call 93	800	do	79
1200	M. S. & N. I. R.	84⅝	27	Chic. B. & Q. R.	103
100	do	84⅞			

SECOND BOARD.

$8,000	Tenn. 6s, new	62¾	500	Reading R.	92¾
50,000	do	62½	200	M. S. & N. I.	84⅞
50	do	62½	200	Clev. & Pitts.	94
1,000	Ga. St. 7s	70	200	do	94⅜
800	Wes. U. Tel.	84	200	do	s30 94⅜
200	Pacific Mail	103⅛	100	do	94⅜
300	Atlantic Mail	97⅞	200	do	94⅝
3.0	W. U. Tel	84⅛	100	do	94⅝
100	do	84⅛	200	do	2d call s30 94⅝
200	do	84	400	do	94⅝
100	N. Y. Cent	x-d 129⅜	400	Chi. R. I. & P.	97⅛
100	do	129⅜	100	do	b10 97⅜
500	Erie R.	69¼	300	do	b30 97⅜
150	Mer. U. Ex.	33	100	do	b30 97⅜
900	N. Y. Cen.	129	100	Chi. & R. I.	97⅛
100	do	129⅛	550	M. & St. P. R.	66⅞
150	do	2d call 129⅛	100	Tol., W. & W.	46
800	Erie R.	68⅞	100	P., F. W. & C.	100
4000	do	68⅞	100	do	2d call 100
1000	do	68⅞	100	Cl. & P.	117
15.0	do	69⅛	50	Del., L. & W.	114½
100	Erie R. Pf.	76⅞	3.0	Mar. & C. 2d Pf.	11
500	Hudson R.	145	100	H. & St. J. Pf.	79

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

100	Canton Co.	67⅛	800	Reading R.	s60 93⅛
200	At. Mail	97⅛	800	do	93⅛
100	do	c 97⅛	200	do	c 93⅜
100	Mer. Union Ex.	33	200	do	s60 93⅜
200	West. U. Tel.	84⅛	200	do	93⅜
2.0	N. Y. C. R.	x-d 130⅝	800	O. & Miss. R.	31
500	do	130⅝	200	do	30⅞
500	do	130⅝	100	Bos., Hartford & E.	145
200	do	b3 130⅝	1.00	Clev. & Pitts.	95⅛
100	do	b10 130⅝	800	do	95¼
200	do	c 130⅝	500	do	b3 95⅜
1800	do	130⅝	500	do	95⅜
200	do	c 130⅞	200	do	b10 95⅜
1800	do	130⅞	400	do	c 95⅜
400	do	b5 130⅞	402	Cl. & P.	100
800	do	b3 130⅞	200	do	s10 100⅞
540	do	130⅞	100	do	100⅞
1200	Erie R.	69⅛	600	do	100⅞
2,600	W. U. Tel.	84⅛	200	do	100⅞
2600	do	84⅛	6.0	C. & I. R.	97⅜
200	do	b10 84⅛	500	do	97½
800	do	c 84⅛	200	do	b3 97¼
200	do	84⅛	200	do	97¼
600	P., Ft. W. & C.	100½	800	Chic. & N. W. Pf.	73
200	do	100⅝	1800	do	73⅛

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

100	Adams Ex. Co.	73⅝	800	West. U. Tel.	84
100	do	73⅝	100	Harlem	s60 126
100	do	c 73⅝	200	do	129
100	do	s10 73⅝	100	Erie Pref.	77
100	U. S. Ex.	73⅛	600	Reading R.	93⅛
100	Mer. U. Ex.	33⅛	100	do	b10 93⅛
100	Mar. Pref.	11	400	do	93⅛
100	Canton Co.	b10 67⅛	200	do	93⅜
100	Pac. Mail	103⅝	100	P., F. W. & Ch.	100⅛
200	do	103⅝	800	Clev. & Pitts.	95
100	do	b10 103⅝	200	do	94⅞
500	Atlantic Mail	97⅛	100	T., W. & W.	46⅛
200	do	97⅛	200	Chic. & Miss. R.	31⅛
200	do	b10 97⅛	100	do	b10 31⅛
200	N. Y. Cen.	x-d 129⅛	500	do	31⅛
100	do	129⅛	100	Mich. Cen.	114
100	do	c 129⅛	130	Mich. S. & N. I.	84⅛
1800	Erie R.	68⅞	200	Clev. & Toledo	102⅞
1100	do	68⅞	100	do	102⅞
200	do	c 68⅞	100	do	102⅞
300	do	b3 69	800	do	102⅜
1500	do	69⅛	4.0	Chic., R. I. & P.	97⅛
1200	do	69⅛	200	do	97⅛
800	do	69⅛	500	Chic. & N. W. R.	89⅞
300	do	c 69⅛	300	Chic. & N. W. Pf.	c 73⅛
500	do	s10 69⅛	200	do	b5 73⅛
500	do	c 69⅛	300	do	73⅛

OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

100	Adams' Ex	74	100	M. & St. P.	85⅛
100	do	73⅞	100	P., F. W. & C.	100⅛
10	Mariposa Pf.	11	200	Ohio & Miss. R.	31⅛
100	Canton Co.	67	650	do	31
5.0	Pacific Mail	104⅛	400	do	s3 31
200	do	b30 104⅜	200	do	30⅞
100	do	104⅜	200	M. S. & N. I. R.	84
300	Atlantic Mail	97⅞	200	Clev. & Pitts.	94⅛
3.0	W. U. Tel.	84⅛	100	Clev. & Tol.	102⅝
100	do	84⅛	200	do	102⅝
200	do	84	400	do	102⅝
100	N. Y. Cent.	x-d 129⅛	400	Chi. R. I. & P.	97⅛
100	do	129⅛	100	do	b10 97⅜
500	Erie R.	69¼	100	do	b3 97⅜
100	Had. Riv. R.	14⅞	200	do	97⅜
1200	Reading R.	93⅛	300	Chi. & N. W. R.	89⅞
500	do	s30 93¼	600	Chi. & N. W. Pf.	73⅛
400	do	93¼			

FRIDAY, Feb. 21—P. M.

The business week closed this afternoon owing to the Holiday of WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY on Saturday. The Banks and Insurance Offices, the Treasury and the Custom-house, and the Stock Exchange and Gold Room, will all be closed to-morrow.

The sales of Gold opened this morning at 140¼, the closing rate of Thursday night. They advanced to 140⅜@140⅝ ₱ cent. up to 1 o'clock, and were further stimulated after that hour by some new "sensationals" from Washington, up to 141⅛@141⅜ ₱ cent. The rumored news from the Capital had reference to the removal of the Secretary of War by the President, the probable action thereon by the Senate, and the nomination by the President of Gen. MCCLELLAN as Minister to England. It is not doubted that Mr. STANTON will be continued in the War Office, or that MCCLELLAN will be rejected by the Senate as Minister to England. But for the moment the Gold speculators made the most out of the sensational telegrams in the absence of authentic news of what has actually transpired in the course of the day. The Foreign Exchanges further advanced to 110 on London for 60-day bills, and 110⅛@110½ for short sight. The Customs demand for Gold was $484,000; making for the five business days of the week $2,582,000. The amount of Gold Interest paid out by the Treasury Office is only $166,000. The Banks lose $1,678,913 on their Specie averages of the week, and also $2,602,882 in Greenbacks. The general Deposit averages are down $7,664,477, and the Loans are $3,249,327 less than on last Monday.

The Money market closed at easy rates to the Brokers, although the agitation on the Stock Exchange, growing out of the break-down in Erie Stock may have occasioned some shifting of demand loans upon Railway collateral. The dealers in the Public Funds were generally light borrowers, and in some instances paid off 5 ₱ cent. loans in order to employ their own balances. The Bank Statement referred to above was not known until after Change hours, and the effect of the reduced movement, if any, on the Money market remains to be felt next week.

On the Stock Exchange the Public Funds were steady. They were not called at the late Board in the Afternoon, but the Street prices were a fraction firmer, with more business on the 5-20s of 1862 to buyers for Europe. The State Bonds fell off a fraction on Tennessee's and North Carolina's, but the demand continued large for the new Tennessee's. The Miscellaneous Shares were generally steady—Mariposa Preferred being an exception, and selling down to $10 ₱ share. There is continued firmness in Pacific Mail, although the interest in the Steamship, Express and Telegraph Stocks is made secondary to the excitement in Erie Railway and the other New-York and Western Roads, sympathizing more or less in its decline. The transactions in Erie to-day were to a very large amount. The Stock fell from 70 ₱ cent. before the First regular Board of the Stock Exchange, where the sales were at 69¼@69⅝ ₱ cent., and subsequently in the Long Room at 69¼@69⅝@69⅜ ₱ cent. Then at the 1 o'clock Open Board at 69⅜@69⅝ ₱ cent., and at the 2:30 P. M. regular Board 68⅝@68¾@69¼@69⅜ ₱ cent. Later in the Afternoon the fluctuations were between 69¼@68¾ ₱ cent. The course of New-York Central was from 130¾ ₱ cent., as last night, down to 130¼ at the 10 A. M. Board of Open Brokers, and down to 129¾ at the first regular Board. After the adjournment, (or rather in the Long Room, while the Board was in session,) sales were reported as low as 128@127¾ ₱ cent. At the 1 o'clock Board, 129 was the price, followed at the 2:30 o'clock Board by sales at 129@129¾ ₱ cent. Next to Erie and Central, the stock of the Cleveland and Pittsburg road was most depressed; sales at 95@94@93¼@94¼@95@94¾ ₱ cent., as against 98 ₱ cent. yesterday, before the inconclusive result of the meeting of the Directors was generally known. The other Western roads were fairly supported, considering the adverse influence of the Erie fall. Some of the light stocks, such as Marietta and Wabash, were lower by 1½@2½ ₱ cent., and at the early regular Board there was great eagerness to press sales of Toledo from 108 down to 126½ ₱ cent., as against 110½ yesterday. The price recovered to 109 in the afternoon.

No additional developments were made in regard to the affairs of the Erie, or the progress of litigation against the late Director, Mr. DREW, who was suspended from his trust by the Supreme Court on Wednesday. One of the executive officers, we understand, attended a conference of the trunk lines at Mr. VANDERBILT's office this morning in regard to mutual rates of business.

After the late Boards the following quotations were made as compared with yesterday afternoon:

	Thurs.	Fri.		Thurs.	Fri.
U. S. 10-40s	106¼	105½	Missouri	104⅜	104⅜
U. S. 5-20s, 1862	111⅝	111⅜	Northwest	39½	39½
U. S. Con. 5-20s	108¾	108⅝	N. West Pref.	73¼	73¼
N. Y. Central	130⅜	130⅛	Rock Island	97½	97½
Erie	72½	70⅝	Fort Wayne	103⅜	103⅝
Hudson	147	145	W. U. Telegraph	84¾	84¾
Reading	93¾	93⅛	M'chants' Union	35½	36¼
Mich. Southern	91½	92⅜	St. Paul Pref.	67	66¾
Ohio and Miss.	31¾	31¼	St. Paul Com.	45¾	45¾
Pittsburgh	96	96	Pacific Mail	103½	103½
Toledo	110¼	109	American Gold	140⅝	141
Tenn 6s, new	62¾	62½	Bills on London	109½	110

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

5-20 reg., 1865	108	5-20 con., 1865, new is	107⅞
5-20 500 & 1,000, 1865	108⅛	5-20 coup., 1867	108⅛
6 ₱ cent., 1868	139⅜	Oregon W. L. 6s, '81	108⅛
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1868	139⅜	6 ₱ cent. reg., 1871	119
6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881	111⅜	5 ₱ cent. reg., 1874	103
500 & 1,000, 1881	111	5 ₱ do. c'p'n 1874	112⅜
5-20 reg., 1862	108	10-40 reg., 1874	103

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Amusements this Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st. and Irving-place.
MATINEE at 1 o'clock—LA FAVORITA. Characters by Miss Adelaide Phillips, Sig. Brignoli, Orlandini, Susini, Ancolao.

FRENCH THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
UN TROUPIER QUI SUIT LES BONNES and ROGER BONTEMPS. Characters by the French Dramatic Company.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
OURS. Characters by Mr. Lester Wallack, Mr. John Gilbert, Mr. A. W. Young, Mr. H. T. Ringgold, Mr. J. B. Polk, Mrs. Clara Jennings, Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Kate Ranoe.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THE WHITE FAWN.
MATINEE at 1 o'clock P. M.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
FANCHON. Characters by Miss Maggie Mitchell, Mrs. A. Hind, Mrs. C. Edmunds, Messrs. J. W. Collier, G. L. Fox, W. Davidge, Owen Marlowe.
MATINEE at 1½ o'clock—LITTLE BAREFOOT.

NEW-YORK THEATRE.
Broadway, near 8th-st.
THE STREETS OF NEW-YORK. Characters by the Worrell Sisters, Messrs. J. K. Mortimer, C. T. Parsloe, Jr., G. H. Clarke, Geo. Lingard, H. C. Rymer, Welsh Edwards, Miss Celia Logan, Mrs. Wright.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock P. M.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, near Broome-st.
THE PET OF THE PETTICOATS and FAMILY JARS. Leading character by Lotta.
MATINEE at 1½ o'clock P. M.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
THE MILLER OF NEW-JERSEY, FEMALE DETECTIVE, THE ARAB TROUPE, &c. Miss Julia Daly in two pieces.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

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THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN. Characters by Miss Mary Mitchell, J. W. Albaugh, D. Myron, Miss Lulie E. driga, John Mathews.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Coroner's jury which has been investigating the circumstances attending the Clerkenwell explosion yesterday returned a verdict charging with murder the prisoners BARRETT, ENGLISH, O'KEEFE, MULLANY, the two DESMONDS, Mrs. ANN JUSTICE and other persons unknown.

Mr. TRAIN's lecture in Dublin on Thursday evening was attended by a boisterous audience, who handled roughly several persons who had the hardihood to hiss the speaker. The Police in attendance prevented any disturbance.

In the House of Commons last evening Mr. DISRAELI denied the report that the expenses of the Abyssinian expedition had already exceeded the estimates. Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTT, Secretary of State for India, announced the receipt of letters from Gen. NAPIER giving reason to hope that the war would be closed this season.

Reports are printed in London to the effect that alarming revolts have broken out among the prisoners in India.

La France asserts that the Chevalier DE NIGRA, the Italian Minister to Paris, has pledged Italy to the faithful observance of the September Treaty, and also the payment of a portion of the old debts of those States of the Church which were annexed to Italy.

CONGRESS.

The Senate yesterday considered the bill amendatory of the Reconstruction acts, providing that in all elections for the ratification of the new Constitutions in the Southern States, a majority of the votes cast shall decide the election, and stipulating that registered voters be allowed to vote in any part of the State. The subject was discussed by Messrs. CONKLING AND TRUMBULL, after which the Senate went into Executive Session, and soon after adjourned.

The House refused to adjourn over to-day, but agreed that the session should be devoted to general debate. The Joint Committee reported an International Copyright bill, which was ordered printed and recommitted to the Committee. A letter was read from Postmaster-General RANDALL relative to some testimony laid before the House, in which he is charged with fraud in letting contracts for carrying the mails in the South. Mr. RANDALL asks a thorough, searching public investigation of all his official acts. The House went into Committee of the Whole, and took up the Naval Appropriation bill, which appropriates $18,095,045 for the navy. The Administration of the Navy Department was vigorously criticised, and as vigorously defended, without any definite action on the bill being taken. The Committee rose, when the Speaker presented several communications. Among them one from the Secretary of War, inclosing an order from the President again removing Secretary STANTON from office, and appointing Adjutant-General THOMAS to the position *ad interim*. After some debate the correspondence was referred to the Reconstruction Committee. On motion of Mr. BUTLER, and in consequence of Secretary STANTON's letter, the vote by which to-day was set apart for general debate, was reconsidered—yeas, 104; nays, 49. While the vote was being taken, one of the workmen engaged in making repairs on the building, broke through the glass roof, and came near being precipitated upon the members below. Much glass and dust fell upon them, and considerable alarm was created. The Naval Appropriation bill was again taken up in Committee, and several amendments adopted. It was then reported to the House, and its consideration postponed to Monday. Mr. COVODE offered as a question of privilege a resolution "that ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, be impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors," which was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. The House then adjourned.

GENERAL.

On Monday last as a heavily-laden freight and stock train on the Virginia Central Railroad, was descending the mountains, the engine became unmanageable, and began to descend at a frightful rate of speed. While at the height of its speed two wheels of a passenger car broke, and the coach was dragged along on the sleepers until the couplings gave way and the car stopped. There were thirteen stock owners in the car at the time, some of whom clambered on the roof while others jumped to the ground. Several sustained severe injuries, but none of them are considered dangerous. The passengers describe the situation as being terrible for a short time.

Gov. GEARY has issued a proclamation offering a reward of $2,000 for the discovery and conviction of the murderer or murderers of JOHN CASEY, one of the most important witnesses before the Committee on the contested election case of ROBINSON, Republican, against SHUGHART, Democrat, from the Twenty-first Senatorial District. It seems that the Committee were in Clearfield County, and CASEY testified in favor of ROBINSON and against some of the illegal voters. Soon after he was waylaid and so cruelly beaten that he died in a few days.

The Washington *Intelligencer* says that it is proposed that the business men of each State call a commercial and financial national convention, which body shall represent the true and vital interests of every section of the country, North, South, East and West, to take action regarding the financial and commercial interests of the country.

Bishop STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, was seriously injured by a railroad accident which occurred at Pittston on Thursday. A car ran off the track and was thrown eighteen feet down an embankment, breaking in two and landing in the canal. Several other passengers were injured, but none so seriously as Bishop STEVENS, and it is believed that he will recover.

Gen. GILLEM, Commander of the Fourth Military District, in a letter to a friend, says he is turning the administration of justice as much as possible over to the civil courts in Mississippi. He adds that there is not much complaint now, and expresses the belief that the coming year will witness a better state of affairs than was known in 1867.

A fire occurred at Tallahassee, Fla., yesterday morning, destroying property to the value of $35,000. A soldier was caught in the falling wall of one of the burning buildings and burned to death.

The Pembroke (Me.) Iron Works have not been in operation for the past two weeks. The company reduced the wages fifteen per cent., and the men refused to work.

JOHN JOHNSON, of Scranton, Penn., accidentally shot his wife yesterday, killing her instantly.

Preparations have been made for the celebration of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Anniversary of WASHINGTON's birth to-day, by a military parade on a small scale and by the display of fireworks in the evening. All the public offices will be closed. At the Cooper Institute 1,000 children will assemble and take part in various exercises. Relief to destitute soldiers and sailors will be distributed at the Relief Agency, No. 139 Canal-street.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held at the Metropolitan Bank yesterday, at which Messrs. CYRUS W. FIELD, MAHLON T. HEWITT, JOHN E. WILLIAMS, CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD and DAVID B. JACQUES were elected Trustees, and Mr. W. A. BOOTH, President; Mr. JOHN E. WILLIAMS, Treasurer, and Rev. C. L. BRACE, Secretary. From the Treasurer's report it appeared that the receipts of the Society for the past year amounted to $115,017 48, and the expenses to $113,643 99.

The motion made in behalf of the State for the removal of Mr. DANIEL DREW from his office as Treasurer of the Erie Railway Company, for various alleged breaches of trust, was brought on in the Supreme Court yesterday before Judge BARNARD. After a preliminary discussion as to the jurisdiction of the Court, it was determined that argument on the merits should be commenced at 11 A. M. on Wednesday next.

The Legislative Committee on Cities, which have been in session at the Metropolitan Hotel during the week, for the purpose of taking testimony relative to the conduct of the Fire Department, examined, among other witnesses, yesterday, Chief Engineer ELISHA KINGSLAND, and Mr. CARL JESSON, store-keeper, and re-examined Commissioners SHALER and ABBE. The investigation closed with yesterday's proceedings.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning the Police of the Twenty-third Precinct, patroling in the neighborhood of Eighty-sixth-street, near the East River, heard cries for help coming from the direction of the river. They soon discovered that they came from a floating mass of ice on which a man was drifting down the river through Hell Gate. He was rescued from his perilous position.

A corps of Canadian Papal Zouaves, numbering 125 men, which arrived in this City on Thursday evening, quartered for the night at the Jesuits' College, and yesterday embarked on board the steamship *St. Laurent*, preparatory to their departure for Europe to-day.

Mr. KELLOCK, the Superintendent of Out Door Poor, reports that the number of applicants for relief at No. 1 Bond-street, within the last few days, has increased rather than diminished, notwithstanding the mild weather.

The Board of Police have offered a reward of $500 for the arrest of the murderer of THOMAS F. LAVELL, conductor on the Seventh-avenue Railroad, who was killed on Monday night last.

The anniversary of WASHINGTON's birth was celebrated last evening at the Cooper Institute by the pupils of that Institution.

In the line of Family marketing, the changes this week have not been important. Trade has been on a very limited scale; prices have not varied remarkably.

General business was less active yesterday. Cotton, Flour and Corn favored buyers. Wheat, Bacon and Lard were on the advance. Oils and Naval Stores were firmer. The freight market was quoted rather stronger.

Western Republicans on the Finances and the Debt.

It will not be quite honest hereafter for the Republicans to heap odium on Mr. PENDLETON and the Western Democracy as the exclusive promoters of bad faith toward the public creditor and the renewal of a system of currency inflation, or to represent the views of Messrs. BUTLER and STEVENS on the same subject as exceptional among the Republicans. The fallacy and injustice of this course has for some time been evident to those who are familiar with the general current of Western opinion, as revealed by the local Press, and with the general bias of Western representatives in Congress, irrespective of party.

But the platform adopted by the Republican State Convention of Indiana places the matter beyond dispute. It declares that the public debt incurred in the suppression of the rebellion shall be "honestly paid" "in legal-tenders, commonly called greenbacks," except where the bonds expressly provide otherwise, which is a circumlocutory mode of saying that the Five-twenties shall be paid in greenbacks. And it affirms that it is the duty of Congress to atone for the errors of the Treasury policy of contraction, by supplying fresh legal-tender paper "to the full extent required by the business wants of the country." Not only the policy for which Mr. PENDLETON has been assailed is thus explicitly echoed by the Indiana Republicans, but the qualifying phrases on which that gentleman has relied to prove that he is not a reckless inflationist, are in substance copied by the authors of this Republican platform. The issue of greenbacks in payment of the bonds should be so regulated—the fourth resolution asserts—"as to avoid too great an inflation of the currency and an increase in the price of gold," which is neither more nor less than what Mr. PENDLETON has said many times.

There is no reason for believing that the Indiana Convention does violence to the Republican opinion of the State by the formal utterance of these views, or that Indiana essentially differs from other Western States in regard to this subject. All known evidence points the other way. On financial questions the West, as a whole, differs radically from the monetary centres of the East. Gen. LOGAN's proposal to tax the federal bonds is but one of a dozen signs of the fact that party distinctions have nothing to do with these questions, in the judgment of the Western people, and the Indiana resolutions are simply a repetition of the verdict rendered in Ohio by the election of Gen. BEATTY.

These are not incidents that can afford encouragement, or that we shall recall with pleasure; but it is necessary to understand them in connection with the political future of the West, and with any attempt to estimate the relative pretensions of parties on financial questions.

American Aid to the Pope.

The Pope will soon have the pleasure of welcoming to Rome the first body of volunteers for his service that has ever left the American Continent. A company of 120 Canadian Papal Zouaves leave this City to-day in the French steamer *St. Laurent* for Brest, from whence they will sail for Rome and become part of the army which the Pope is raising for his defence against the accursed infidels who swear by the red shirt of Garibaldi. They are a fine-looking body of men, picturesquely dressed, belonging to good stock, and were picked from a large number of Canadians who had volunteered for the Pope's service. They left Montreal a few days ago amid the greatest popular and ecclesiastical demonstrations; and though their passage through this city has been quiet, they have received sufficient attention from the Catholic dignitaries, clergy, and prominent citizens.

The Pope wants an army twenty-five thousand strong. At present he has only about twelve thousand troops, all told, which he has very hard work to pay, even with the contributions he is constantly receiving from all parts of the world; but he believes that by doubling this number he will not only make a more imposing show of power, but be better able to defend himself against revolutionary outbreaks or irregular assaults from the Italians. Twenty-five thousand men, properly posted at the defensive positions in and near Rome, would enable him to make a good, stiff fight against any adversary, even though the assailant were the King of Italy himself, at the head of a hundred thousand troops. His present force, being insufficient to hold the principal points, would succumb in a single day, or after a single blow, from a body even smaller than itself; and if once his army and his Temporal Power were knocked from under him in this style, it would be almost impossible to reinstate him as the Sovereign of Rome. But with an army that can keep an enemy at bay for weeks or months, his chances from the fortunes of war or the fortunes of politics are indefinitely increased.

It might be supposed that while France continues to back him up with armies and artillery as she has done for the last nineteen years, he is absolutely free of danger from any enemy. And this is true. While NAPOLEON lives, and France is at peace, and Imperial institutions are maintained, and the Pope keeps on good terms with the French Government, he is as safe in Rome as the Emperor is in Paris. But then this condition of absolute dependence is based on so many uncertainties and related to so many contingencies, that it cannot be tolerated by a government whose endurance is necessary to the very existence of the world. The Pope told mankind lately that Satan was marshaling the infernal hosts for a desperate assault upon his power; and, in such case, it is not only necessary that France and Spain come to his aid, but that all mankind should gather together for his defence. With a good army, he could get the first blow at the old fiend, and were he able to put a Chassepot bullet through his bowels, the Papacy would be safe while the globe stands.

The increase of the Pope's army, moreover, is a matter of moral force. It declares plainly to Italy and all the nations of Europe his determination in regard to the Temporal Power. He will not give it up. He will not let it slip out of his hands. His determination on this is unchanged by recent events or diplomatic manoeuvres. He will fight for it with all his strength and with every weapon. His recent action gives notice to Europe to that effect. And there can be no further doubt on any hand as to his position or its fixedness.

The Pope's army is a very motley force, gathered from all the nations of Europe. Austria, if we remember rightly, lately prohibited enlistments for it within the Austrian dominions, and in other countries there are restrictions in the same direction. But to Catholics the service seems a sacred one; and considerable numbers of young men are constantly making their way to Rome to enter the army of His Holiness. SURRATT and ST. MARIE have been the limited contributions from this continent heretofore known.

The contribution of Canadians will attest to the Pope the devotion of a far-distant people; and they will doubtless be received by him with pride and plaudits as Soldiers of the Cross.

Washington's Birthday.

The action of the Banks in this City in deciding to close their places of business to-day will doubtless be extensively followed and be the means of carrying out sooner or later, the Legislative intention to make the 22d of February an established legal holiday.

Scarcely any event in the world's history, since the Christian era, is of greater importance than the life of WASHINGTON, of whom the distinguished RICHARD HENRY LEE pronounced the well-known but complete eulogy, "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." The great Chief-Justice MARSHALL, brought up close to WASHINGTON, and living in activity with him in the scenes which followed the Revolution, adopted this eulogium. The celebrated orator, ERSKINE, declared, that in looking over the roll of those then on the stage and of all who had preceded WASHINGTON in the conduct of great affairs, he alone was AUGUST. It is the special honor of America, that it gave him birth, and it would seem to be the special duty of America to render homage to his great name.

If what we see to-day in the United States in the shape of Government, whether it be general, or State, or municipal, is due to the influence of WASHINGTON, then has he lived and died in vain; but what exists, far from being traceable to him, is owing to the neglect of his example in all quarters. In his farewell address, he laid out for his countrymen a plain path of duty, leading to safety, prosperity and honor. Instead of being guided by the clear wisdom and the lofty patriotism of his earnest counsels, the country, North and South, deviated into dispute, acrimony and war. But one way is left to bring us all back to the basis on which he placed the structure of our republican system. It is to rally together around the name of WASHINGTON. Although Mr. CALHOUN spoke of him as the illustrious Southerner who reposes on the banks of the Potomac, there are none in the whole wide extent of our land, into whose minds the light of civilization and liberty has penetrated, but recognize WASHINGTON as belonging equally to all portions, North, South, East and West. In every valley and on every hill-top throughout the Union there will be those on his birth-day to bow down in respectful reverence to his memory. As the celebration of this day becomes uniform throughout the country—it will if other States adopt our act and make the 22d a legal holiday—the spectacle will be a grand one of a whole people moved by the same impulse to adopt and spread the virtues which so much contributed to WASHINGTON's greatness. All can meet on this platform, even those lately opposed in battle, and there forget the animosities engendered by war, and renew their promise of allegiance to the Government over the creation and organization of which he presided.

In surveying the solemnities under which our Government was inaugurated in 1789, under the auspices of the most remarkable men of any time—FRANKLIN, SHERMAN, MADISON, ADAMS, HAMILTON, MARSHALL, JAY, WASHINGTON—we feel assured that a system grand, majestic, and in time universal, must be the fruit of this astonishing event. It was to establish a free government, under which the rights of the least should be guarded from oppression, and to be upheld by a mutuality of interests and benefits extending equally to all, that WASHINGTON acted. Those solemnities—preceded by a revolution and followed by a display of wisdom, love of country, fidelity, and noble ambition not surpassed in any age,—would be deemed mere mockery if something better were not to arise from it, than we witness now in our legislative halls. We cannot waste time in this connection to speak of the miserable specimens of human nature, in State and City legislation, who degrade the offices they fill by legislating for their own ends. They can have no lot and part in honoring with truth, the character of WASHINGTON, whose aim it was to create a Government to elevate the very class which converts our legislative halls into places where the deepest crime is committed—that of making Government a profligate machine, instead of the benign institution devoted to the protection of life, liberty and property which WASHINGTON and those around him devised. It is to the Capitol of the Union we more particularly refer.

Does the spirit of WASHINGTON preside in its halls? Are any of the circumstances which produced alienation anterior to the war, there taken into account? Is the animating principle of the prevailing party, that of a desire to preserve its preëminence, as connected with objects of personal ambition, or does it rise to love of country—rejecting every lower standard of action?

In the spirit which reflection on the name and services of WASHINGTON produces, we express the deep conviction—now that slavery is destroyed in all the Southern States, and so effectually that the human race could scarcely restore it—that the South has now no interests *but in the Union and for the Union*, and that those lately in arms in behalf of interests no longer existing, which were supposed by them to be essential, would now willingly step to the music of the Union, if met in kindness and forbearance, and as WASHINGTON would meet them, were he upon the stage.

The question of our day is on what basis the South shall be restored, and if we would have no Poland, no Ireland, within the limits of our country, and would not breed enmities fatal to the future, some scheme of Union must be devised that will be comprehensive, free from passion, liberal and safe for all. We look with hope, even amidst the evidences of unkindness and confusion which prevail at Washington, for some action that will yet restore "this great connected country for *one* united people."

But whatever may be done *now* on this subject, if the celebration of the day becomes general over the Union, we may be able to correct very great errors, as with one mind, on the 22nd of February, in every recurring year, the people ascend to the contemplation of the exalted example of the illustrious father of his country.

Secession Abroad and At Home.

It has always, since the days of Webster's Spelling-Book, if not before, made the greatest possible difference whether it was our ox or our neighbor's which had been gored. We hardly know when we have seen a more striking example of that difference, than may be found by comparing the tone in which the English discuss the proposition for the independence of Ireland, and that in which they discussed some years ago the attempted dismemberment of this country. That proposition had nothing in it which seemed unreasonable to them. They were, on the contrary, quite out of patience with us for our folly in refusing to listen to it, and our worse than folly in sacrificing so many lives and so much money in a useless attempt to prevent it. Our resistance to it was in their eyes only a "struggle for empire," with which they could be expected to have little or no sympathy.

But now comes up the Fenian proposition that Ireland shall be ruled by Irishmen, backed up by the statement that the English rule has worked wrong and disaster, and still keeps up disaffection and heartburning among the Irish people. When it thus appeared to be the English ox that was to be gored by the Irish bull, the eyes of England are opened at once to the enormity of such a plan, the injury which it would work to England, and the consequent atrocious wickedness of those who dare to propose it. Read the following article from the London *Law Times*, the organ of the Bar, and a journal by no means apt to be hasty in speech:

"What England at this moment most needs is a public, emphatic and solemn declaration that Englishmen will not consent to separation so long as they have a man to put into the field or a shilling in their pockets. * * * The English people should forthwith hold public meetings in every county, town and parish, and pass resolutions of assurance to the Queen and to the Parliament, that they will not consent to the dissolution of the British Empire; that they will resist to the last all attempts to bring about such a catastrophe; that they are ready and anxious to reform every abuse and redress every wrong of which Ireland can justly complain, and to secure to her the same free institutions as are enjoyed by England, but that they will oppose to the utmost all open or secret endeavors to bring about the separation of Ireland, *because it would imperil the existence of England.* Such meetings, followed by such a declaration, would teach the disaffected Irish who are not Fenians, the lesson they are slow to learn that England cannot and will not, save in the extremity of defeat and despair, consent to the independence of Ireland."

Does not such talk as this remind one of our own troubles? Substitute "secession" or "separation," "the Southern States" for Ireland, and "Congress and the President" for the Queen and Parliament, and any one would say that it was some wise advice given to us in 1860.

We cannot say that it is unwise talk for England now. Our very struggle to preserve our own unity makes us see more clearly what evils might result to England, if she were to allow her domain to be dismembered and an enemy to be planted so near to her very doors. And seeing that the changed circumstances have opened her eyes to the importance of national unity, we cannot but think that there may be a hope yet that England will come to look upon the *Alabama* case and her own proclamation of neutrality more nearly as we have done. If her statesmen should be led to imagine to themselves an Irish rebellion which should make head enough to make it necessary for her to station her fleet around the shores of Ireland, to keep foreign muskets from going in, and cruisers under the green flag from coming out, and should further imagine an Irish *Alabama* allowed to slip through out butter-fingered officials to prey upon English merchantmen, they may, perhaps, come to see that our claims are not so unreasonable, after all, and that it is wisest and cheapest, by recognizing their justice, to establish a precedent which they can use as a protection.

The City Quagmires.

We don't remember to have seen the streets in quite so disgraceful a state as they are at present. We forbear to enumerate the grounds of complaint as they are patent to everybody who goes out of doors, and is thereby compelled to clamber over mounds of snow and wade through rivulets of mud. Lives are endangered, commerce is interrupted, horses are cruelly worked, tempers are seriously tried and the general distress is intolerable. The public naturally look to Mr. WHITING for relief from this dire condition. It is well known that he is paid at the rate of $500,000 a year for keeping the streets clean, but that he succeeds in earning one-fifth of that amount, we doubt whether even he would contend—at least during the Winter months. Why he chooses to fail when success could so easily be achieved, admits of but one explanation—he is unequal to the task he has assumed. This being the case, he ought in justice to surrender his contract, and somebody else should be selected to do the work.

Meanwhile, during the continuance of this Spring-like temperature, relief to those streets through which the railroads run might be obtained by compelling the removal from the sides of the tracks, of the ridges of compact snow which have been formed there for the sole convenience of the railroads. These corporations in future should be prohibited from such an unlawful obstruction of the streets, and be made to cart away the snow at the time they clear it from their rails. We beg the Common Council to act in this matter at once,—though we must add we have not the slightest expectation that they will do anything of the sort.

As regards Broadway, we invite Mr. WHITING at least to show a disposition to perform a small part of his duty, by clearing out the gutters and culverts and breaking up the mounds, thus allowing the sun to act upon the ice. We are aware that his foremen have received orders to work in this way, but there is little evidence that they are doing it to any purpose. Instead of one or two hundred men scattered at intervals along the blocks, a force of many thousands should be employed, and a single day of this warm weather would make Broadway as passable as it is in midsummer. As far as obtaining the laborers is concerned, no better opportunity than the present can offer. The city swarms with men eager for employment, and an application at the Labor Exchange at Castle Garden will supply an adequate number for the occasion at the cheapest possible rates.

The Tyng Trial.

There seems very little doubt, in the minds of those acquainted with the *personnel* of the Episcopal Ecclesiastical Court, that its decision of Mr. TYNG's case will be adverse to that gentleman. It may be that, under a strict construction of the canon alleged to have been violated, such a decision is unavoidable, for its language certainly refers to parochial and city "limits"—a word which in the context can hardly have other than a territorial or geographical meaning.

And yet it strikes us that the whole affair—complaint, accusation and trial—is a matter to be deprecated. The essential value of an act lies, both legally and equitably, in its motive or intent, and we can not find in the published testimony of the case anything to show that Mr. TYNG sought to transgress the spirit of the law, which is avowedly for the protection of Episcopal ministers against evil-minded interference with each other's rights and duties; or, in either accusation or evidence, any allegation or ground for suspicion that he actually did, intentionally or otherwise, any injury to the personal or official influence of Rev. Drs. STUBBS and BOGGS, his accusers. But the evidence for the defence developed also other points, which were undoubtedly known quite as thoroughly before this official publication of them. Not only did Mr. TYNG preach in a Methodist (i. e., in non-Episcopalian) Church, but it was at the special request of several of his own parishioners who were temporarily attendants at that church. Moreover, the testimony of several venerable Episcopalian clergymen proves that such preaching in churches of other denominations, without let or hindrance or thought of interference from the incumbents of Episcopal "parishes" within the same territorial limits, has been the unquestioned custom of the clergy of that Church, and the strong probability is that both accusers and members of the Court have, quite as innocently and quite as criminally as Mr. TYNG, done that very thing. Beside which, the bounds of a Clergyman's parochial duties have always been held to follow the persons of his parishioners.

Whatever, therefore, may be the decision of the Court upon this case, we cannot avoid the belief that the spirit evinced by the accusation and prosecution is an unjust one. The fact that it is necessary to reverse a legal reading held by the Ministers of that Church for certainly over half a century, and continually and repeatedly made the basis of unquestioned action, in order to find even ground of complaint, makes it clear that this is merely a test case, selected on account of the prominence of Mr. TYNG's family in the ranks of the liberal clergy and his own special activity in good words and works, both within and without the limits of his parish. The decision will in no wise affect Mr. TYNG's reputation or standing, but it may be the occasion of introducing very serious differences into the Protestant Episcopal Church in America. And as these schisms and divisions are of no possible advantage to anybody, being merely promotive of discord among a most estimable class of citizens, and of weakness in a most efficient and influential Christian organization, we very decidedly and earnestly depreciate their introduction.

MINOR TOPICS.

The President made two nominations yesterday of Ministers to represent this country abroad. That of Gen. MCCLELLAN can have been intended for nothing more than a personal and political compliment;—and the interests and necessities of the country ought not to be jeopardied by its confirmation. Mr. HUBBELL, of Ohio, who has been nominated as Minister to Ecuador, is a gentleman of ability and good character, and was a Conservative Republican during the Thirty-ninth Congress, being repelled from the main body of the party by what he deemed its extreme radical action. We believe he has since joined the Democrats. Probably his confirmation is not expected.

Newspaper correspondents and partisan politicians have been making a great ado about the President's promotion of Gen. SHERMAN. If their reports of what was said to have been done, and of the motives of the parties concerned, were to be taken as true, we should have been led to believe that the President was about to plunge the country into another war, and had tried to make Gen. SHERMAN his accomplice, which the latter had indignantly refused to be. The whole story now seems to be that the President, to compliment SHERMAN, offered him a brevet and assigned him to the pleasantest command in the country—that of the Atlantic Department. The General does not believe in the principle of brevets, and preferred to live at the West, and upon these representations the President has consulted the General's wishes and withdrawn the order. Possibly some profound political conspiracy may lie at the bottom of all this, but there is nothing to show it in the mere facts of the case.

A hackman was fined ten dollars yesterday, and had his license revoked, for swindling a colored man and his wife out of that sum. He complained that it was very hard upon him, as his hack was his only means of getting a living. Exactly—but why cannot hackmen learn that they have no more right to get a *dishonest* living than burglars or footpads have? Marshal TAPPEN, who had the disposition of the case, very properly told the hackman that it was his business to protect the public,—and to punish imposition and swindling. Hackmen, somehow or other, have come to consider themselves quite at liberty to fleece their victims *ad libitum*, and to deem it a special hardship that they should be punished for doing it. The public interest demands that this error on their part should be corrected.

The proposition brought forward by petition in the Senate the other day by Mr. SUMNER, to abolish the Presidency and commit the Executive department of the Government to a Commission appointed by Congress, is advocated in some journals in the West. It is rather a significant straw, showing the direction of what claims to be the progressive current of public sentiment. It proposes substantially the same kind of democratic government which was adopted during the French Revolution, when the Directory, appointed by the Convention, wielded the executive power of the nation. It is a little curious, though perfectly natural, that the ultra Radicals of the present day find all their models for an improved government, in the worst days of the worst government that ever existed. No progress, it seems, has been made in the matter of government by this country or any other since the French Reign of Terror.

One of our City contemporaries wants to know why we cannot have a City Railroad Superintendent, who shall have supervision of all our City railroads, with power to make them conform to certain fixed regulations for the accommodation of the public. Of course we can. Indeed we have such an officer, and have had for the last five or six years. The Superintendent has a salary of $4,000 a year, to be paid by the *railroad companies*. No human being ever sees or hears of him except on quarter-day, when his salary falls due, and is promptly paid. He is careful, of course, to give the companies no trouble, lest they should make objection to the payment of his salary. In a word, the companies themselves got this clause inserted in the law creating the office,—because they knew perfectly well that every officer consults the wishes and obeys the orders of the man or company that pays him. We defy any human being to point out any single instance in which the City Railroad Superintendent has ever attempted the slightest interference with the City railroad management, in the interest of the public.

There's nothing like sticking to a thing when you have once said it, especially for a newspaper correspondent. The *Tribune* affords a striking illustration. Its Washington correspondent gave a very graphic and detailed account of the doings and sayings of Mr. PAINE, of Wisconsin, of the Reconstruction Committee, on the subject of impeachment, and repeated certain remarks said to have been made by Mr. STEVENS. Mr. PAINE, in the House, denounced the entire statement as untrue. The correspondent reiterated the report, and gave Mr. STEVENS as the authority for it. Mr. STEVENS declared he had never said anything of the sort to any human being. The correspondent repeated his belief that the story was true. Mr. PAINE repeated his denial, and read written statements from every member of the Committee confirming it. The correspondent still persists in declaring that his informant sticks to the original statement. This is plucky, at all events.

English courts give frequent illustration of impartiality in the administration of the law, but they are sometimes guilty of what common sense cannot fail to regard as very gross injustice and cruelty. A poor widow at Exeter, with three little children, going to market to sell three pennyworth of greens, was called on for three half-pence toll to the market lessees. She refused to pay it, because she couldn't do it without depriving her children of their scanty breakfast, but she offered a penny, which was refused. The magistrate sentenced her to three days' imprisonment and sent her children to the workhouse! There are too many similar cases reported in the English journals for comfortable reading.

The system of coöperative industry is more understood and practised in Europe than our people are aware of. The owners of the Paris and Orleans Railway carry on their business in a great measure on that principle. Their engine-makers and carriage-makers belong to their own company, and they support a comfortable eating-house at Gare d'Ivry, where a thousand of their people can be supplied with meals every day, at a very cheap rate. They have also stores for supplying clothes and most of the necessaries of life to their workmen at first cost. A certain number of their officers have definite shares in the business, and they receive their profits—one-third in cash, one-third to go to the pension fund maintained by the Company for the widows or families of deceased workers, and one-third to lie in the savings bank, to be drawn at some future time. The French love of precise arrangement and orderly system is shown to great advantage in the business of this Company. Their officers are men of intelligence, who have been instructed at the Polytechnic School and the School of Arts and Trades.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* is rejoicing over the failure of all the attempts made by the Southern people to establish colonies in Honduras or other foreign countries. News has been received of the entire failure of an attempt of this kind made at Tuxpan, where a large number of Southerners tried to establish themselves after the overthrow of the Confederacy; they are in great distress and would be very glad to return. The *Picayune* says the Southern people will very soon learn that their own country after all is the best in the world, and if they will stay in it and devote themselves to its interests they can remedy whatever evils at present afflict it. This is sensible advice, and we have no doubt will be generally followed by the Southern people.

It is a very remarkable fact, and one that to the end of time will redound to the credit of American institutions, that, with practically unlimited power placed in their hands, the military commanders of the South have uniformly exerted their influence on the side of civil law, and of harmonizing rather than of crushing out the conflicting elements. Gen. MEADE has just given another specimen of this inbred American love of peace, by urging the rival factions of the Florida Convention to compromise, expunge their conflicting records, and reorganize *in toto*. And while all these soldiers are firm as rock in opposing rebellious efforts, they seem rather to invite than repel conciliation. Of these GRANT is a notable example, and when the "first in war" become the "first in peace," there is nothing that can prevent their standing "first in the hearts of their countrymen."

A New Newspaper.

We are to have a new evening newspaper, we understand, to be called "*Every Afternoon*," and to be issued and edited by Mr. WILLIAM YOUNG, of whom very many of our readers will have pleasant recollections as editor of *The Albion*. He intends, we believe, to make it mainly literary and artistic in its character, politics and general news being but a secondary feature in its contents. It is to be handsomely printed, upon a quarto sheet, each page being about the size of the *Albion*, and to be sold at *five cents*. It is scarcely needless to add that it is to be thoroughly American in its character, being in no sense a representative of foreign sentiments or interests. Mr. YOUNG is a gentleman of ability and accomplishments, and has had a wide and valuable experience in journalism. He will start the new journal about the middle of March.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

MATINEES TO-DAY.

The *matinées* to be given to-day in the theatres in honor of "The Father of his Country" are numerous and attractive enough, at least.

Miss MITCHELL will appear as *Fanchon* at the Olympic, and LOTTA will repeat the "Pet of the Petticoats" and "Family Jars," at the Broadway; the "White Fawn" will be played at Niblo's Garden; while at Banvard's Museum the "Ticket-of-Leave Man" will receive representation; there will be the usual Saturday *matinée* at the New-York Circus, with holiday additions, and at the Worrell Sisters' New-York Theatre a performance is announced of "The Streets of New-York."

A special holiday *matinée* will be given at the Bowery Theatre, with Miss JULIA DALY in a popular drama and the Arab Troupe.

The "Pilgrim" will also have an afternoon airing to-day at Bunyan Hall.

Three entertainments are considered necessary to do proper respect to the great memory of the day at Barnum's—Mr. MAEDER's new drama of "Red Riding Hood" at each. G. W. is not likely to be forgotten while there is a manager alive or a theatre open.

Readings.

The first series of readings by Mrs. FRANCES ANNE KEMBLE is announced to commence on March 2, in Steinway Hall.

Miss OLIVE LOGAN is to repeat her entertainment, entitled "Stage Struck," on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week, in Dodworth Hall.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.—Mr. FRED. GRAUTEGEIN, General Passenger and Freight Agent of the Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, was drowned

TELEGRAMS.

Russia Reported to be Massing Troops on the Danube.

Statements in the House of Commons Relative to the Abyssinian Expedition.

Italy Pledged to Observe the September Treaty.

FRANCE.

The Emperor of Russia Reported to be Massing Troops on the Danube—Italy Pledged to Observe the September Convention.

PARIS, Friday, Feb. 21.

The *Patrie* to-day, speaking under reserve, says it has reason to believe that the Emperor of Russia is massing troops near the Danube.

La France, in its issue of this morning, asserts that the Chevalier de Nigra, the Italian Minister to Paris, has pledged Italy to the faithful observance of the September Convention as it now stands, and also to the payment of the principal and interest of her share of the old debt of the States of the Church which were annexed to the Kingdom.

ABYSSINIA AND MEXICO.

The Expenses of the Abyssinian Expedition—The War to be Closed this Season — England's Relations with Mexico.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21—Evening.

In the House of Commons this evening Mr. DISRAELI gave an explicit denial to the report that the expenditures already incurred for the Abyssinian expedition exceed the estimates laid before the House at the last session of the Government.

Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, the Secretary of State for India, said the latest letters received from Gen. NAPIER gave reason to hope that the war in Abyssinia would be ended this season.

Lord STANLEY made an explanation in regard to Mexico. He said that diplomatic relations with that country had been suspended for the reason that last September the Mexican Government declined all intercourse with those Powers which recognized the late Empire.

Tuesday, Feb. 25, has been assigned as the day for the consideration of the state of Ireland in the House of Commons.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Clerkenwell Explosion—Verdict of the Coroner's Jury—The Cambridge Member.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21.

The Coroner's jury have concluded the protracted investigation of the explosion at the Clerkenwell House of Detention, and to-day rendered their verdict. They bring the charge of murder against the prisoners BARRETT, ENGLISH, O'KEEFE, MULLANY, the two DESMONDS, the woman ANN JUSTICE, and others whose names have not yet been made known. Doubt is expressed as to the complicity of ALLEN, who was recently discharged, but has been rearrested. The verdict concludes by severely censuring the Metropolitan Police in the Clerkenwell district for lack of activity and vigilance.

The indications are that Mr. BERESFORD HOPE will carry the election for member of Parliament from the University of Cambridge. The seat was rendered vacant by the appointment of Mr. SELWYN to the Bench.

JOHN CURTIN, an inn keeper, and DAVID MURPHY, a writer, were arrested at Cork yesterday on a general charge of complicity in Fenian movements. Mr. MURPHY had but recently arrived from the United States.

Suspension of the New Postal Treaty Between England and the United States.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21.

Mr. HUNT, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, has informed the House of Commons that the operation of the new postal treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been temporarily suspended, but only to enable both Governments to revise certain points which had been mutually overlooked, and which it was necessary to set right.

Mr. Train's Lecture in Dublin—The Police in Attendance—Jury Discharged.

DUBLIN, Friday, Feb. 21.

The audience at TRAIN's lecture last night was very boisterous. Some persons present, who hissed the speaker, were roughly used. A strong force of police was on hand and prevented any serious personal violence or disloyal demonstrations.

The jury were unable to agree on a verdict in the case of JOHN MARTIN and the other parties on trial for participating in the Fenian funeral procession, and have been discharged.

Mr. Train's Lecture as a Speculation.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN delivered his first lecture in Dublin last evening. It was very thinly attended. There was no rioting, though measures had been taken by the authorities for the preservation of the peace. A correspondent of one of the morning journals, in alluding to the lecture, says:

"As a speculation it was an entire failure."

INDIA.

Reported Revolt Among the Prisoners in India.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21—Evening.

The *Evening Globe* has a report that alarming revolts have broken out among the prisoners in India.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The Virginia Convention.

RICHMOND, Va., Friday, Feb. 21.

The Virginia Reconstruction Convention were engaged to-day in discussing the suffrage question. On the Conservative side it was asserted that the white men of the State would never submit to negro rule, and that the men who fought under LEE would sooner come out and lie in the graves with those who had gone before them.

The name of LEE elicited applause from the white spectators, which was checked by the chair.

The Speaker said the whites wished the blacks well, and would be willing to be taxed heavily to colonize them on the best lands the Government owned.

Two black delegates replied, urging the right of the negro to suffrage and his capacity to use it for good.

The Convention adjourned till Monday, to observe to-morrow as a holiday.

Removal of Civil Officers in Richmond by Gen. Schofield.

RICHMOND, Va., Friday, Feb. 21.

Gen. SCHOFIELD to-day removed the City Recorder and eleven Magistrates of the Hustings Court, for having permitted tobacco inspectors to qualify without taking the required oath of office.

The Mississippi Convention.

JACKSON, Miss., Friday, Feb. 21.

In the Convention, to-day, a member stated that Gen. GILLEM would not enforce collections under the last TAX ordinance, but would under such an ordinance as himself would suggest. It is probable a new ordinance conforming to the General's ideas will be adopted.

Section 19 of the Bill of Rights provides an educational qualification for holding office.

The Democratic State Convention adjourned last night, after adopting a resolution in consonance with the principles of the National Democratic Party, and electing delegates to the National Convention. Messrs. W. S. FEATHERSTONE, E. M. YERGER, E. C. WALTHALL and W. T. MORTON are delegates for the State at large.

The North Carolina Convention.

RALEIGH, Friday, Feb. 21.

The Convention is still engaged in the discussion of suffrage. No vote was taken nor was any other business of importance transacted. Various railroad propositions involving an increase of the State liabilities to over $5,000,000, have been laid before the Convention, but none of them have been acted upon except the one indorsing a million of bonds for the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad Company.

The South Carolina Convention.

CHARLESTON, Friday, Feb. 21.

In the Convention the day was consumed in debate. Several leading colored delegates have gone to Washington, with a view to ascertain the probable reception of colored Congressmen and the chance of obtaining from Congress land for the negroes.

The New Mayor of Charleston

CHARLESTON, Friday, Feb. 21.

The new military Mayor, Gen. BURNS, entered upon his duties to-day.

The Florida Conventions.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Friday, Feb, 21.

The Convention to-day adopted several articles of the Constitution. Hereafter they are to have night sessions to expedite business.

The State Constitutional Convention.

ALBANY, Friday, February 21.

Mr. MERRITT, from the Committee on Revision, presented a report as to the manner of submitting the Constitution to the people.

The Committee on Contingent Expenses reported adversely to appointing a special committee to audit claims against the Convention, and in favor of directing the Comptroller to audit and pay all such accounts. Report accepted.

A minority of the same Committee reported in favor of rescinding the limitation upon the gross amount to be paid the two papers publishing the Convention proceedings, while a majority of the same Committee recommended limiting the amount to be paid to $8,787 50. Both of the reports were ordered printed.

The report of Mr. MERRITT, from the Select Committed, appointed to determine as to the manner of submitting the Constitution to the people, recommends that the amended Constitution be submitted at the next general election.

Also, that the Secretary of State cause the Constitution as proposed, together with the forms of the ballots to be used, to be published twice in the public journals of the State previous to the election next Fall.

At noon the Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock on Monday evening.

A Trader Robbed of $7,000 in Gold—$17,000 Stolen from a County Treasurer.

ST. LOUIS, Friday, Feb. 21.

Mr. A. J. COOPER, of the firm of BLAIR, COOPER & Co., merchants of New-Mexico, was robbed of 307 ounces of gold, valued at about $700, on the cars between Kansas City and St. Louis, on Wednesday night, the 11th inst. The gold was abstracted from a valise, and not missed until COOPER arrived here. $1,000 reward for the detection of the thief or thieves, and $1,000 for the recovery of the treasure, have been offered. Mr. BLAIR was formerly a resident of Cincinnati, and Mr. COOPER of Burlington, Iowa.

The safe of the Treasurer of Louisa County, Iowa, was robbed by burglars on the night of the 7th inst. of $17,000. The names of the supposed burglars are H. C. STONE and T. W. HORTON, and $1,000 reward is offered for their apprehension, and $1,000 for the recovery of the money.

A Wife Accidentally Killed by Her Husband—A Serious Railroad Accident.

SCRANTON, Penn., Friday, Feb. 21.

This afternoon a man named JOHN JOHNSON, of this city, accidentally shot his wife in the head, killing her instantly.

A man named SWEENY, who was working in the Oxford mine, was killed by the falling of a portion of the roof at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Yesterday a Lehigh Valley railroad car, drawn behind the Lackawanna and Bloomburg train, ran off the track at Pittston, in consequence of a broken rail, and after being dragged several hundred feet broke loose from the train, was precipitated down an embankment eighteen feet into the Northbranch Canal, turning over and breaking in two as it fell. Ten or twelve passengers were injured, none seriously, however, except Bishop STEVENS, of the diocese of Pennsylvania. It is thought he will recover.

Fire in Natick—Arrest of an Alleged Incendiary.

WORCESTER, Mass, Friday, Feb. 21.

Another fire in Natick destroyed Howe's Buildings early this morning. The occupants were J. T. HOWE, fancy-goods store and tenement; D. J. PIERCE, jewelry store; and the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms. The fire caught from a stove in the jewelry store. The total loss is about $8,000. A small insurance was effected on the property on the 18th inst.

JOHN ANDERSON, Framingham, has been committed in default of $10,000 bail, to await the action of the Grand Jury, on a charge of setting fire to Culter's Mills at Ashland, which were destroyed by fire on Dec. 28.

Arrest of Counterfeiters in Chicago—Spurious Money Seized.

CHICAGO, Friday, Feb. 21.

United States detectives to-day made a descent on a house in May-street, arresting four persons and capturing $40,000 in counterfeit fractional currency, dies, plates, &c. The parties were held to bail in the sum of $1,000 each.

The establishment of A. G. GARFIELD, on the corner of Franklin and Harrison streets, for the manufacture of stamped tin and japanned ware, was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss is estimated at $20 000. The insurance was not ascertained.

The Board of Trade will hold no session to-morrow, and Banks will be closed.

Fire in Tallahassee, Florida—A Soldier Burned to Death.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Friday, Feb. 21.

The building occupied by Messrs. KIRKSEY & JOHNSON was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire broke out in a vacant store next to the North State Bank, which sustained some injury. Messrs. KIRKSEY & JOHNSON are insured for $30,000 on stock, and $4,000 on building, in the Home Company of New-York, Gulf State, and Home, of New-Haven. A soldier, named PLATT, was caught by a falling wall, and burned to death. Several other persons were injured. It was doubtless the work of an incendiary.

The St. Patrick's Society of Canada—Military Precautions.

MONTREAL, Ca., Friday, Feb. 21.

Bishop BOURGET, patron of the St. Patrick's Society, intends an investigation into its affairs.

A suspicious circumstance is said to have taken place a few nights since which has caused the military authorities to take extra precaution in guarding the magazine and approaches to St. Helen's Island. Some changes in the artillery force have also taken place in consequence.

DESLAURIERS & OUIENETTE'S carriage factory took fire this morning. The work-shops and contents were destroyed.

The New Tariff in New Brunswick—Changes Proposed.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Friday, Feb. 21.

An important meeting, composed of the leading merchants of this city, was held here yesterday to take action respecting offensive duties imposed on certain articles by the new tariff, and resolving that representations be made to the Dominion Government indicating the changes desired.

The Press of the city also held a meeting and passed resolutions strongly opposing the imposition of newspaper postage.

Hon. W. B. KINNEAR, member of the Legislative Council and Judge of the Probate Court, is dead.

Fire in a Woolen Mill at Plymouth, Mass.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Friday, Feb. 21.

A fire this morning in the "picker-room" of the Russell Mills seriously damaged the valuable machinery, and will compel a suspension of work. The loss is insured, but the stoppage of the works is unfortunate, as large orders were on hand for the manufacture of cotton duck.

The Constabulary Law in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Friday, Feb. 21.

An order has passed the Legislature of this State referring the question to the Supreme Court, whether the Governor's veto of the State Constabulary law is valid; the veto not having been sent in within five days after the law was repealed, as required by the Constitution of the State.

The Presidency—Mr. Pendleton in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Friday, Feb. 21.

The Dayton *Ledger* of the 19th, in defining its position, says that GEO. H. PENDLETON will carry the State of Ohio by 20,000 majority in the next Presidential contest, and that he is the only Democrat for whom the State is sure.

A National Bank in Bethel, Conn., Closed.

BETHEL, Conn., Friday, Feb. 21.

The Bank Commissioners closed the First National Bank of Bethel, Conn., on Thursday. The Cashier is under arrest. A very large amount of certificates had been issued.

The Ohio Legislature—Railroad and Telegraph Commissioner.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Friday, Feb. 21.

The House Committee on Railroads has reported against the repeal of the law to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads and the Telegraph. The report was laid on the table.

Woolen Mill Burned in Pennsylvania—Loss $40,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Friday, Feb. 21.

The woolen mill of JOSEPH B. SCATCHARD, at Germantown, has been entirely destroyed, with its contents. Loss $40,000. Partially insured.

The Canal State Convention.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Friday, Feb. 21.

At a meeting of citizens held on 'Change this morning, forty delegates were appointed to represent Buffalo at the Canal Convention to be held in Albany on Tuesday next.

GEORGIA.

The Reconstruction Convention—Radical Moderation—Negro Officeholding—The Basis of Representation—The Judiciary and Jury Systems—The Contest for the Republican Nomination for Governor—The Anti-Convention Candidate—The Money Question.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Ga., Saturday, Feb. 15, 1868.

The most remarkably rapid change I have ever seen is that which has taken place within a day or two in the temper and disposition of the majority of the Convention. From being uncompromisingly and arrogantly radical and reliant on their numerical superiority on the floor, they have become pliant, yielding and conciliatory, apparently anxious to remove rather than create obstacles to harmonious action, to facilitate rather than retard business. Two days ago no one could have expected that the majority would ever have agreed to strike out the tenth section of the franchise article of the Constitution declaring that every qualified elector (of course including every qualified negro elector) should be eligible to office in Georgia. It was thought, and many of them so said, that they would never surrender this enunciation of a "great republican truth." But it has been stricken out, and the great truth finds no place in the fundamental law.

Some of the moderates, who occupy a middle ground between the Radicals and the "Hancock Democrats," are very much disgusted at the "dodge" which they say the Radicals have practiced in this matter. It was done, they allege, to enable the Radicals to say to the white population of Northern Georgia and to the white voters everywhere: "We have given you relief, and while we have given the negro the right to vote as we were obliged to do by the Reconstruction laws, we have not given them the right to hold office," while at the same time they can say to the black population of Middle and Southern Georgia: "We have removed every distinction between you and the white man, we have abolished forever the disabilities of your race, and you are as free to vote and hold office as any man in Georgia." Several of the *moderados* have said this; indeed, Mr. AKERMAN so charged in his speech, and they assert of their own knowledge that leading Radicals have used this doubleface language when occasion required them to conciliate a North Georgian or a negro from "the black belt." However this may be, whether the motive was pure or dishonest, the fact is indubitable that by adopting this course they have to a great extent disarmed a very formidable opposition. Some new counselor behind the scenes must have been at work, who is a far more astute and skillful manager than any of those who undertook at first to direct the proceedings of the majority.

A short time ago it was insisted that the sole basis of representation in both branches of the Legislature should be population; that any other basis would be unjust and anti-republican, and that it would give the white aristocracy undue power over the "toiling millions." According to the present system the Senatorial Districts are composed of three adjoining counties, and have each one representative in the Senate. Population has nothing to do with them. For the lower House each county has one representative, and the thirty-seven most populous and largest counties have two representatives—making in all 169 members. It has been found that this was the fairest and most practical arrangement of a difficult question that could be adopted. Were population made the sole basis, several counties in Northern Georgia, where the population is very sparse, would have no separate representation, but would be grouped together in districts of two or three to entitle them to a representation, which, in "the black belt" in Southern Georgia, and in the counties in which the chief cities are situated, where the negro population predominates largely, the representation would be immensely increased, thus really insuring the supremacy of the negro element in the Legislature. It was unnatural, therefore, that the white population should oppose such a change; nor is it unreasonable to apprehend that, were it carried out, their opposition would endanger, certainly, and would probably defeat the adoption of the Constitution. The majority saw this, and, wishing to avoid the danger, have agreed to leave the Senate and the arrangement of the Senatorial Districts exactly as it is, and only to change the representation in the House by giving one additional representative to the large cities of Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah, Macon and Columbus, thus making the lower branch of the Legislature consist of 174 members instead of 169. It is true that had they insisted on carrying out their first plan, and made the negro population in sixty counties the real rulers of the situation, their Constitution would have been almost certainly defeated. But it is not the less true that they saw the danger, and have determined to avoid it by wise concession. It is said that Gov. BROWN has been active in his efforts to control and modify the extreme measures of the Radicals, and that he has made the doubt as to the ratification of the Alabama Constitution a powerful lever to move the obstinacy of BRYANT and his coadjutors. After the question of representation is finally settled, the rest of the report on the Legislative Department will be passed without much debate. When the article on the judiciary comes up, however, considerable controversy will take place, and progress will be much slower. The report proposes a complete change both in the mode of selecting the judicial officers and in their term of service, the avowed object being to make the Judges independent of popular elections by their being appointed by the Governor instead of being elected by the people, and by doubling the present term of office. Now all the Judges, except those of the Supreme Court, are elected, and the Radicals are strongly in favor of retaining the elective system, that the people may have a direct voice in the selection of their judiciary. They will also strenuously oppose the extension of the official term. Now the Judges of the Supreme Court serve for six years. The report proposes they shall be appointed for twelve years, and in the same way with all other Judges. Another stumbling block to harmonious progress will be the jury system. The Committee's report proposes that "the General Assembly shall provide by law for the selection of upright and intelligent persons to serve as jurors;" that "there shall be no distinction between the classes of persons who compose grand and petit jurors;" and that "jurors shall receive no fee or compensation for their services." The declared purpose of this proposition is to remove the danger of ignorant, inexperienced and corruptible, if not corrupt negroes being put on juries, by ordering the selection of upright and intelligent persons, and by providing that no one shall be paid for service on a jury. The Radicals will certainly oppose these restrictions, even though they apply alike to whites and blacks, on the presumption that they will operate practically as an exclusion of negroes from the jury-box.

The contest for the office of Governor, or rather for the Republican nomination, is actively waged by the friends and adherents of the two prominent candidates. Mr. BULLOCK, I still think, has the advantage, although he has not been declared to be "eminently fitted for the place" by as many town and village meetings as his adversary, Mr. FARROW. Mr. BULLOCK, too, has the advantage in point of means and power to influence others; but Mr. FARROW has the great recommendation in Southern estimation of being "to the manner born," while BULLOCK is a native of New-York, who only came to Georgia in 1860 or 1861. Both are fully up to the requirements of Radicalism. Neither has "any use for" Mr. JOHNSON, and each outvies the other in the fervor of his faith in the infallibility of Congress. The anti-Conventionists and anti-Radicals will almost certainly support Gen. JOHN B. GORDON, now a resident of this city, as their candidate. He is a comparatively young man, of unblemished character, of high social standing, of considerable talent and culture, a very fluent popular speaker, and of more fame as a soldier than any of the survivors of the war who had not been educated to the profession of arms. He is universally known and respected, and would certainly prove a most formidable competitor before the people, should he be able to hold the office. If the test oath be required, of course he could not enter the race. But if it should not, as he is not disfranchised by the Constitutional Amendment, his election would be certain, if he consents to run. Should Mr. WILSON succeed in removing the disabilities of Ex-Gov. BROWN, Messrs. BULLOCK and FARROW will have to be vigilant or he will get the inside track.

The glad tidings were announced this morning that the military treasurer had arrived with $20,000, to be distributed among the members and officers of the Convention. This sum will give them about $100 each. They can only look for $10,000 more from Gen. MEADE. But the loan is again spoken of. It is said that the parties who proposed to make the loan hesitated to complete it on the advice of Gov. BROWN, their lawyer, who has hitherto doubted the prudence of their doing so, as he thought it very probable that the Constitution would be defeated and that the money would never be repaid. Now that the declared right of the negro to hold office is stricken out, and there is a strong probability that representation will be harmoniously settled, he advises his clients that they may safely lend the money. I know that the negro part of the loan, Mr. HOPKINS, has stated the foregoing to be the case, and therefore it is safe to suppose that he is well informed. It would take nearly $100,000 to pay the Convention up to to-day. It would, therefore, take $70,000 in addition to the sums received from Gen. MEADE. They will probably sit for twenty days more, so that, allowing for the $10,000 which the General promises to pay, it will require a loan of $100,000 to give the members and officers "their due."

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CURTIS—TUCKERMAN.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Feb. 20, Mr. GEO. B. CURTIS, of Enfield, N. C., to Miss FANNIE M. TUCKERMAN, daughter of Wm. Tuckerman, of Portsmouth, N. H. No cards.

HOARE—DILLON.—In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the residence of the bride, by Rev. A. G. Dorris, JAMES P. HOARE, Esq., of New-York, late Captain Third Regiment R. I. V., to MARY, daughter of the late Gerald Dillon, Esq., and grand-daughter of Col. Arthur Du Bourdieu, C. B.

KEOGH—MARTIN.—On Wednesday, Feb. 19, at St. Ann's Church, by Rev. A. Keogh, AUSTIN W. KEOGH to EMILY MARTIN, daughter of the late THOMAS Martin.

RAYMOND—NICHOLLS.—At Elizabeth, N. J., on Wednesday, Feb. 19, by Rev. Theodore S. Brown, of Brooklyn, JAMES RAYMOND to JULIET AUGUSTA, daughter of Thomas Nicholls, Esq., of New-York.

DIED.

BAMBER.—At Woodland Plantation, near New-Orleans, suddenly, on Thursday, Feb. 13, JOHN HENRY, only son of Capt. John S. and Ellen J. Bamber, in his 23d year.

The relatives and friends and those of his brother-in-law, Peter A. Hepburn, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from the Pierrepont-st. Baptist Church, corner of Clinton-st., Brooklyn, this day, (Saturday,) the 22d inst., at 2 P. M.

CURTIS.—On Wednesday morning, Feb. 19, Major DANIEL HANFORD CURTIS, in the 56th year of his age.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 40 East 26th-st., on Saturday, the 22d inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

GOODELL.—On Friday, Feb. 21, of inflammation of the bowels, JAMES GAFF, second son of Alfred and Euphemia J. Goodell, aged 10 years, 10 months and 12 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of his parents, No. 229 9th-st., to-morrow, (Sunday,) at 3 o'clock P. M.

GRAUTEGEIN.—Suddenly and accidentally, on Thursday, Feb. 20, our beloved brother and brother-in-law, FREDERICK H. GRAUTEGEIN, in the 41st year of his age, a native of Wiesbaden.

His friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 19 Amity-st., New-York, on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 2 o'clock P. M.

LOUIS GRAUTEGEIN,
GEORGE WERNER,
WILLIAM WERNER.

HAMILTON.—In this City, on Friday, Feb. 21, MORTIMER W. HAMILTON, aged 63 years.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 356 West 33d-st., on Sunday, at 12½ o'clock.

KIP.—On Thursday, Feb. 20, after a short illness, B. LIVINGSTON KIP, in the 74th year of his age.

His friends and those of the family are invited to attend his funeral on Monday, the 24th inst., at 3½ o'clock, from the Reformed Dutch Church, corner of of Lafayette-place and 4th-st.

PLESLIN.—At St. Louis, on Sunday, Feb. 16, ELIZA, widow of the late Wm. Pleslin, in the 59th year of her age.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral to-day, (Saturday,) at 3 o'clock, at the residence of her sons-in-law, D. H. Fowler and Charles H. Delamater, Boston Road, near 5th-st., Morrisania. Train leaves Harlem Railroad Depot, 26th st., at 2½ o'clock.

PINCHOT.—On Thursday evening, Feb. 20, EDGAR MAPLES, only child of Edgar and Marie A. Pinchot, aged 1 year and 7 months.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 241 West 23d-st., this day, (Saturday,) at 1 o'clock P. M. The remains will be taken to Milford, Penn., for interment.

ROBERTS.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, Feb. 21, CAROLINE STREET, wife of Eldridge G. Roberts, and only daughter of Capt. Charles James Street, Belgravia, London.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Monday, the 24th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., from No. 119 Schermerhorn-st., Brooklyn.

REYNOLDS.—On Thursday, Feb. 20, ALFRED L. REYNOLDS.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from Calvary Church, corner of 4th-av. and 21st-st., on Saturday, the 22d inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

STREW.—At Flemington, N. J., on Thursday, Feb. 20, Major JOHN STREW, in the 76th year of his age. He died as he has lived, a faithful, devoted and consistent Christian.

☞ Madison and Chenango County papers please copy.

WILLARD.—At Troy, on Tuesday, Feb. 18, MARCIA, youngest daughter of John H. Willard, in the 21st year of her age.

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NEW-YORK, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LONDON TEL. STOCK, WANTED.

Apply to GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.

OFFICE OF

HONEY BROOK COAL COMPANY,

No. 209 Walnut-st.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12, 1868.

The annual meeting of Stockholders and election for Directors of the Company will be held at this office on WEDNESDAY, 26th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

S. MCHENRY, Secretary.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,

WASHINGTON, FEB. 17, 1868.

☞ Schedules of (30) thirty or more coupons, due March 1, 1868, will now be received for examination at the U. S. Treasury.

H. H. VAN DYCK,

Assistant Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD, CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 12.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—NOTICE is hereby given to the stockholders of the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company that a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been this day declared upon the preferred and common stock of the Company, payable at the office of Messrs. W. H. Josup & Co., No. 72 Pine-st., New-York, on the 2d day of March next, to holders of said stock, who may be registered as such at the close of business hours on the 17th inst.

The transfer books will be closed on the 17th inst., and reopened for transfers on the 3d day of March next.

WM. LARRABEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

PITTSBURG, Penn., Feb. 17, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK and bondholders of this Company for the election of Directors and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of said Company in the City of Pittsburg, on the third WEDNESDAY (18th) of March, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The stock and bond transfer-books of the Company at their office in the City of Pittsburgh and at the Transfer Agency in the City of New-York, will be closed on the 2d day of March, at 2 P. M., and remain closed until the 19th day of March thereafter.

F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, GENERAL OFFICE, No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1868.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR OFFICERS and managers of this Company for the ensuing year will be held at this office on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, inst., at 12 o'clock M.

The polls will be open between 12 and 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books will be closed from the evening of the 5th inst. until the morning of the 26th inst.

By order of the Board of Managers.

CHARLES E. CARRYL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE INS. CO., IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NO. 40 WALL-ST.,

NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1868.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for ten Directors of this Company, and for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at this office on MONDAY the 2d day of March proximo, between the hours of 12 o'clock Noon and 1 o'clock P. M. By order

NICHOLAS DEGROOT, Secretary.

ISLE ROYALE MINING COMPANY, NO. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business, will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1868, at 2 o'clock.

F. W. CAPEN, Secretary.

PRESTON COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, NO. 265½ WALNUT-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company, at which time an election will be held for Directors for the ensuing year.

H. P. RUTTER, Secretary.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, NO. 25 BROAD-ST., COR. EXCHANGE-PLACE.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of the Tenth National Bank held this day, at the banking rooms, Mr. JNO. S. DICKINSON was unanimously elected President, in place of Mr. D. L. Ross, deceased.

JNO. H. STOUT, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECtors for the New-York and Virginia Steamship Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 68 Beaver-st., on TUESDAY, 3d March, 1868, between the hours of 10 noon and 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books are closed until after the election.

G. MINNEKEN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK FLOATING DRY-DOCK COMPANY, No. 254 South-st., Feb. 20, 1868.—An election for nine directors and three inspectors of election will be held at Society Hall, No. 68 East Broadway, on TUESDAY, March 3, next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 2 o'clock P. M. By order,

H. V. MASON, Secretary.

CITY OF BROOKLYN'S 7 PER CENT. NEW BONDS.—Interest and principal payable at the Central National Bank, New-York.

These bonds under guarantees and a three-fold security, held by Henry A. Smythe as trustee, may be regarded as amply secured, and a safe first-class investment. $40,000 to $50,000 for sale. Apply to WM. H. SANFORD, Cashier Central National Bank, New-York.

SOUTH SIDE RAILROAD COMPANY OF LONG ISLAND.—The coupons due March 1, on the bonds of this Company, will be paid on that day by WM. C. RUSHMORE, Treasurer, at the Atlantic National Bank, Brooklyn.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1868.

INTERNATIONAL OCEAN (CUBA LINE) Telegraph Preferred Stock wanted by

GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 7 Wall-st.

FINANCIAL.

"PARTICIPATION INSURANCE."

The only system of insurance under which a company's ability to pay its losses KEEPS FULL PACE with its increasing business, and consequent increasing liability to incur loss without imposing any liability whatever upon the holders of its Policies.

CONTINENTAL

INSURANCE COMPANY.

102 Broadway, New York.

CASH CAPITAL.....$500,000 00

GROSS SURPLUS.....1,314,590 31

CASH ASSETS.....1,814,590 31

ASSETS.

January 1, 1868.

Extract from statement rendered to Insurance Department, State of New York:

Cash balance in Bank.....$115,126 73

Cash balance in Offices.....2,676 26

$117,812 99

Demand Loans on Stocks of Solvent Institutions (worth over $496,000).....349,600 00

Loans on Bonds and Mortgages (1st Liens on Real Estate, (worth over $1,500,000).....

Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, as follows:.....$22,350 00

$25,000 American Exchange Bank...$28,000 00

5,000 Bank of North America.....5,450 00

5,000 Bank of America.....6,900 00

5,000 Broadway Bank.....11,000 00

5,000 Importers' and Traders' Bank.....5,850 00

5,000 Mercantile Bank.....5,500 00

10,000 Metropolitan Bank.....5,600 00

10,000 Nassau Bank.....13,000 00

10,000 National Bank.....13,500 00

13,000 St. Nicholas Bank.....10,800 00

5,000 Union Bank.....13,390 00

10,000 N. Y. Cen. Railroad Bonds.....5,700 00

10,000 N. Y. & Erie 3d Mortgage B'ds.....3,800 00

10,000 Kings Co. War Enlistm't B'ds.....9,700 00

35,000 N. Y. State 20 yrs 7 per ct. B'ds.....9,500 00

1,000 N. Y. Central Park Improvement Bonds.....37,450 00

1,500 N.Y. Fire Indemnity Bonds..850 00

20,000 Tennessee Bonds..1,425 00

60,000 U.S. Six per ct. Bonds.....12,800 00

28,000 U.S. 7-30 Treasury Notes.....67,500 00

228,000 U.S. Six per ct. Bonds, 1867.....20,280 00

Real Estate 102 Broadway, and No. 1 Pine-st., N. Y., owned by the Company.....323,350 00—623,105 00

Interest on Loans due and unpaid (since paid).....150,000 00

Premiums due (since paid).....20,692 27

Rents accrued (since paid).....28,338 38

$1,814,590 31

LIABILITIES, more than two-thirds of which is for unclaimed scrip and scrip interest, $93,440 36

SCRIP DIVIDEND FOR 1867,

THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT.

THE

CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Insures against loss and damage by fire on all kinds of buildings, merchandise, household furniture, farm property, including stock. RENTS, LEASES, and all other insurable property, at *reasonable rates of Premium*, on the PARTICIPATING PLAN, dividing three-fourths of the profits to its customers in scrip bearing interest at six per cent. per annum, redeemable in cash in the order of its issue, as rapidly as the accumulation represented by the scrip exceeds the sum of $500,000.

The scrip issues of this Company for 1857, '58, '59, '60, and '61 are now being redeemed in cash.

GEORGE T. HOPE, President.

H. H. LAMFORT, Vice-President.

CYRUS PECK, Secretary.

THE

National Trust Co.

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

NO. 336 BROADWAY.

CAPITAL,

ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

CHARTERED BY THE STATE.

DARIUS R. MANGAM, President.

RECEIVES DEPOSITS AND ALLOWS

FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST

ON DAILY BALANCES,

SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

SPECIAL DEPOSITS for Six Months, or more, may be made at five per cent.

The Capital of ONE MILLION DOLLARS is divided among over 500 Shareholders, comprising many gentlemen of large wealth and financial experience, who are also personally liable to depositors for all obligations of the Company to double the amount of their capital stock. As THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY receives deposits in large or small amounts, and permits them to be drawn as a whole or in part by CHECK AT SIGHT and WITHOUT NOTICE, allowing interest on ALL DAILY BALANCES, parties can keep accounts in this Institution with special advantages of security, convenience and profit.

HATCH, FOOTE & CO.

BANKERS

AND DEALERS IN

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, STOCKS

&c.

Buy and Sell all issues of

U. S. BONDS

at MARKET RATES, and EXCHANGE

7-30 Notes, Feb. 21, 1868, as follows:

For JUNE NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS,

For JULY NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and pay $2 45 DIFFERENCE ON EACH $1,000.

No. 10 Wall-st., New-York.

MICHIGAN SECURITIES WANTED.—Michigan 7s, Detroit City 7s, Michigan State 6s, Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad First and Second Mortgage Bonds.

Stock Broker, Detroit.

DIVIDENDS.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.

A dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, has been declared, payable on demand, at No. 122 Bowery.

WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD, TREASURER'S OFFICE, MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 10, 1868.

DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF THE Board of Directors of this Company, held Feb. 7, 1868 at Memphis, Tenn., a dividend of Three Per Cent. was declared on the capital stock, payable on Monday, March 16 prox., at the Office of the Treasurer, to those registered at Memphis, and at the Office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York.

The transfer books will close on the 1st day of March and reopen on the 15th inst.

GEO. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE,

ALBANY, Jan. 21, 1868.

TWENTY-NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—The Directors of this Company have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Three Per Cent. on the capital stock thereof, payable on the 30th day of March next.

Dividends on New-York will be paid at the office of Duncan, Sherman & Co.; in Albany, at the Albany City National Bank.

The transfer books will be closed at the close of business on Friday, the 31st day of January inst., and be reopened on the morning of Monday, the 24th day of February next.

E. D. WORCESTER, Treasurer.

SAVINGS BANKS.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.

Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of LAIGHT,

OPEN DAILY from 10 to 3 o'clock.

Six per cent. interest, free of tax, on $5 to $5,000.

ASSETS, $4,546,850 07.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK—8TH-AV., corner of 14th-st.—Six per cent. interest, free of tax, paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before March 1 will draw interest from March 1.

R. H. MACLAY, President.

S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.

R. H. BULL, Secretary.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

DISSOLUTION.

The firm of JOHN TAYLOR'S SONS was dissolved on the 10th of January, 1868, by the decease of JOSEPH B. TAYLOR. All persons having claims against the late firm will present the same at the office, No. 324 Greenwich-st., corner of Jay-st., New-York.

The undersigned will continue the brewing business under the name and style of JOHN TAYLOR'S SON.

WM. H. TAYLOR.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of THOMAS & CO., entered into on the 9th day of January, 1867, is hereby dissolved by consent. Mr. DANIEL WINKENS is alone authorized to liquidate and bind up the affairs of the firm up to Dec. 31, 1867.—Dated New-York, Feb. 19, 1868.

JOHN J. THOMASS,

D. WINKENS.

MR. ISAAC ISELIN, BROTHER OF our Mr. ADRIAN ISELIN, is this day admitted a member of our firm.

A. ISELIN & CO.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 15, 1868.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

A MILL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY FOR SALE—In a flourishing village forty miles from New-York, and but little competition. Address MILLER, Box No. 105 *Times* Office.

$3.000. SUPERIOR CHANCE TO ASsociate with a responsible man in a safe, paying business. Address Box No. 15, Station A, New-York City.

LOST AND FOUND.

PICKED UP ADRIFT IN THE EAST River, a CANAL BOAT. Owners can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. No. 69 South-st

AUCTION SALES.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF

246 VALUABLE LOTS

ON CENTRAL PARK

And 57th, 58th, and 59th sts., 6th and 7th avs., 67th, 68th, and 69th sts., and 10th and 11th avs.

ALSO,

House and Lot No. 34 West 18th-st.,

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTOR OF MRS. SARAH TALMAN, DECEASED.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 10, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

1. The block of ground, comprising 64 lots, facing Central Park, bounded by 58th-st., 59th-st., 6th and 7th avs.

2. The tract of land, comprising 64 lots, in the block bounded by 67th-st., 68th-st., 6th and 7th avs.

3. The block of ground, composing 64 lots, bounded by 67th-st., 68th-st., 10th and 11th avs.

4. The block of ground, comprising 64 lots, bounded by 68th-st., 69th-st., 10th and 11th avs., together with the double frame dwelling-house thereon, the homestead of the late Mrs. John H. Talman.

5. The four-story brown-stone dwelling-house and lot No. 34 West 18th-st., south side, between 5th and 6th avs.; house 25x80, with party walls; lot 25x91.2 deep. Seventy per cent. of the purchase money may remain on bond and mortgage for three or five years. THE SALE WILL BE ABSOLUTE, AND WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION OR RESERVATION WHATSOEVER.

For maps and further particulars, apply to the Auctioneers, No. 77 Cedar-st., or to

C. J. & E. DE WITT, No. 88 Nassau-st.,

Attorneys for Executor.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.

LARGE AND VALUABLE STOCK OF HOUSE-FURNISHING ARTICLES, AT THE "BERRIAN WAREROOMS," NO. 681 BROADWAY, NEARLY OPPOSITE THE METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

Will sell by auction, without reserve, the large and valuable stock of house-furnishing articles at the "Berrian Warerooms," No. 681 Broadway, nearly opposite the Metropolitan Hotel, commencing on THURSDAY, Feb. 20, at 10½ o'clock, and continued each day until the whole of this extensive stock is disposed of. Among an immense number of other articles are the following, viz.:

Plated and Bronze Toilet Sets, Urns, Plated Tea Sets, Cake Baskets, Vegetable Dishes, Butter Dishes, Liquor Stands, Casters, Egg Stands, Trays, Toast Racks, Meat Dishes, Japan Trays, Coal Vases, Tool Chests, Mail Safes, Tables, Perambulators, Fenders, Dancing Steps, Step-Ladders, Brooms & Brushes, Forks and Forks, Plated Knives and Forks, Dish Covers, Ivory Cork Screws, Bird Cages, &c., &c. Bronzed Tea-kettles, Bronzed Urns, Fire Sets, Copper and Brass Kettles, Fancy Chairs, Plate Warmers, Camp Chairs,

Together with a large assortment of every other article used by families in housekeeping. This will be found the most complete stock ever offered by public auction in this City. Catalogues as above.

LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO., Auctioneers—Book Trade Salerooms and Art Galleries, Clinton Hall, Astor-place.

REV. DR. TAYLOR'S LIBRARY.

MONDAY, Feb. 24, and following days, at 7 o'clock P.M., THE FAMILY LIBRARY OF THE LATE THOMAS HOUSE TAYLOR, D. D., for many years Rector of Grace Church, comprising a large and select assortment of books in the various departments of literature.

The Library is the collection of a lifetime, and contains much that is valuable and rare: Commentaries, Lectures, rare Sermons, Works on Divinity, illustrated, Standard and Classical Works, &c., &c. Among these are the "History of the University of Oxford," 2 vols., folio, 1814—25 copies only printed; "History of the Colleges of Winchester, Eton and Westminster," colored plates; "History of the University, Cambridge, its Colleges and Public Buildings;" large Paper Proofs on India Paper, &c., &c.

Catalogues ready and books on exhibition.

FIFTY-NINTH AUCTION SALE.

50,000

TONS SCRANTON COAL.

ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, 1868.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company will sell, on account of JOHN H. DRAPER & CO., Auctioneers, at the Company's sales-room, No. 36 Exchange-place, corner of William-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1868, at 12 o'clock, noon,

50,000 TONS

of coal from the Lackawanna regions, of the usual sizes, deliverable at the several depots, Elizabethport, N. J., during the month of March, 1868.

TERMS—Fifty cents per ton, payable in current funds, on the day of sale, and the balance within ten days thereafter, if required, at the office of the Company.

SAMUEL DUNCAN, President.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE,

AUCTIONEER,

of the late firm of MINER & SOMERVILLE,

No. 39 Nassau-st. and

No. 82 5th-av.

LARGE SALE OF IRON, WAGONS AND QUARTERMASTER STORES.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, Will be sold at auction, under the supervision of Brevet Col. A. P. Blunt, U. S. Army, Depot Q. M., on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, commencing at 10 A. M., a lot of serviceable Quartermaster property, consisting in part of:

245,727 lbs. assorted Iron, new.

1,000 kegs Horse-shoes.

800 kegs Mule-shoes.

880 lbs. Pig Lead.

2,480 lbs. Sheet Lead.

255 sets wheel-mule Harness.

863 sets head-mule Harness.

309 Army Wagons.

30 Ambulances.

5 Office Wagons.

3 two-horse Wagons.

160 Saddles.

6 Corn Mills.

29 Amoulance Wheels.

Veterinary and other Horse Medicines, &c., &c.,

together with 11 Horses and 4 Mules, rated as unserviceable.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds.

Catalogues of sale will be furnished upon application.

Purchases must be removed in six days from date of sale.

By order of the Quartermaster-General.

J. C. McFERRAN,

Deputy Quartermaster-General,

Brevet Brig.-Gen., U. S. A.

UNITED STATES QUARTERMASTER AND ORDNANCE STORES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Mule, ambulance, artillery, plow and truck harness, reins, mule and horse collars, McClellan artillery and valise saddles and bridles, Balkers, surcingles, double lines, horse brushes, army blankets, hospital, wall and wedge tents, army clothing, muskets, rifles, pistols, &c.

GEO. RITCHIE COCK, Agent, No. 48 Dey-st.

GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE.—Large stock of new and second-hand harness, saddles, bridles, collars, military clothing, tarpaulins and grain bags, tents of all kinds complete, wedge-wall and hospital tents, wagon and wagon covers made to order; officers' McClellan and artillery saddles $8 to $18; bridles $1 25 to $3.

PITKIN & CO.,

No. 5 Park-place.

MORRIS WILKINS, AUCTIONEER.

EXECUTRIX SALE OF NINETY-TWO valuable lots on 8th and 9th avs., 124th and 125th sts. and 1st., fronting part of the estate of J. R. Walter, deceased.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Feb. 27th, inst., at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway (Trinity building,) by order of Ann Walter, executrix:

Entire lots bounded by 8th and 9th avs., 124th and 125th sts., sixty-four lots.

124th-st., southwest corner 9th-av., seven lots.

125th-st., south side, 125 feet east of 10th-av., fourteen lots.

9th-av., northeast corner of 126th-st., ten lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten 10 cent. on day of sale; two-thirds to foreman on bond and mortgage for three years; balance April 1st.

Book maps now ready at the auctioneer's office, No. 2 Pine-st.

ISLE ROYAL MINING COMPANY, NO. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1868.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT all shares in the Isle Royal Mining Company, advertised for sale Feb. 15, 1868, on account of non-payment of assessment of $2 per share, due Sept. 7, 1867, except such shares as have been paid for, and such sold at auction, under adjourned postponement order, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26, 1868, at 12 o'clock noon, at No. 44 Exchange-place, by D. M. Seaman, Auctioneer, without further postponement. By order of Directors.

F. W. CAPEN, Treasurer.

W. W. BACKUS, Auctioneer.

THREE NEW BROWN-STONE FRONT HOUSES ON BROOKLYN HEIGHTS AT AUCTION.—W. W. BACKUS will sell ON THE PREMISES on THURSDAY, Feb. 27, at 12 o'clock, three new brown-stone front houses in State-st., south side, between Clinton and Court sts., commencing 104 feet west of Court-st. These houses are built by days' work in the most substantial manner, have 9 feet stories, 10 inches to the roof, and contain all the modern improvement to Wall-st., South and Clinton ferries, and will be open for inspection until day of sale. TERMS easy, and will be made known at time of sale. For maps and particulars apply at the office of the auctioneer, No. 311 Fulton-st., opposite City Hall, Brooklyn.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS on 67th-st., near Hamilton Park.

ADRIAN H. MULLER & P. F. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, N. Y.

67TH-ST.—7 lots on the north side of 67th-st., commencing 275 feet east of 3d-av., near Hamilton Park.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 9 Pine-st.

By HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office; Art Gallery, No. 845 Broadway.

HENRY D. MINER & BARKER WILL give their personal attention to sales of household furniture at the old established salesroom of Mr. H. D. Miner, No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office, where they will hold weekly sales for the benefit of those preferring to remove their effects. They will also continue the sales of paintings, statuary and other works of art at their fine art gallery, No. 845 Broadway, near 14th-st.

EVERGREEN BLUFF MINING COMPANY, NO. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1868.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE sale of shares advertised to take place this day, on account of assessment of $2 per share due Oct. 2, 1867, has been postponed to MONDAY, March 2, 1868, in order to redeem those shareholders a final opportunity to redeem their shares.

By order of the Directors.

F. W. CAPEN, Treasurer.

By ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 62 Liberty-st.

MORTGAGE SALE OF HOTEL FURNITURE.—ROBERT SOMERVILLE will sell by auction, on MONDAY, 2d of March, at 10½ o'clock, at the entire contents of the above hotel. Particulars in time. By order of the assignee.

FORECLOSURE SALE.—ON TUESDAY next, Feb. 25, under direction of Grafts Nathan, Esq., Referee, at 9 o'clock, in the salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by JOSEPH MAGUIRE, Auctioneer, 6 lots on the south side of 57th-st., commencing 125 feet west of 3d-av.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 17th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of THOMAS A. MAGNAIR, of New-York City, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 39 Pine-st., New-York City, before John Fitch, Register, on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 21, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 12th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JOHN N. BILLINGS, of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson and State of New-Jersey, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 39 Pine-st., New-York City, before John Fitch, Register, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 21, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 18th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of ANDREW SIMPSON, of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Beekman-st., corner of Nassau-st., New-York City, before Mr. James F. Dwight, Register, on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1868, at 12 o'clock M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 21, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON THE 6th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of ISABELLA WOODWARD, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on her own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to her, or for her use, and the transfer of any property by her, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of her estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 21, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 13th day of February, A. D. 1868, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of AARON VAN VALKENBURGH, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal,

as Messenger Southern District of New-York.

FEB. 21, 1868.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of BERNHARD STRAUSS, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court, by Bernhard Strauss, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 9th day of March, 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of Isaac Williams, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 97 Broadway, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

Dated New-York, on the 14th day of February, 1868.

GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

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IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of GILBERT M. TODD, bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court, by Gilbert M. Todd, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts, and other claims provable under said act, and that the 10th day of March, 1868, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of James F. Dwight, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, No. 7 Beekman-st., in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted; and why a discharge should not be granted to said bankrupt.

Dated New-York, on the 14th day of February, 1868.

GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

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IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN C. LAY, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court by John C. Lay, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 14th day of March, 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Edgar Kelchum, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, No. 83 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted; and that the second and third meetings of creditors will be held at the same time and place.

Dated at New-York on the 13th day of February, 1868.

GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

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IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM C. REYNOLDS, Bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court, by William C. Reynolds, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 6th day of March, 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 161 Broadway, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted; and that the second and third meetings of creditors will be held at the same time and place.

Dated New-York, on the 8th day of February, 1868.

GEO. F. BETTS, Clerk.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ISAAC ULRICH, a bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—The said bankrupt having applied to the Court for a discharge from his debts: By order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, to appear before the Court, at Chambers of the said District Court, in the forenoon, at Chambers of the said District Court, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Register of said District Court in Bankruptcy, at his office, No. 97 Broadway in the City of New-York, and show cause why the prayer of the said petition of the bankrupt should not be granted, and why a discharge should not be granted to the said bankrupt.—Dated New-York, Feb. 13, 1868.

GEORGE F. BETTS, Clerk.

NO. 560.

SHIPPING.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

PALMYRA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26
CUBA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 4
AUSTRALASIAN leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 11
RUSSIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 18
SIBERIA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25
JAVA leaves.....WEDNESDAY, April 1

Chief cabin passage.....$150
Second cabin passage.....80

TO PARIS.

Chief cabin passage.....165
Payable in gold.
Berths not secured until paid for.
An experienced surgeon on board.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

CUNARD LINE OF EXTRA STEAMERS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY WEDNESDAY

TRIPOLI.....Feb. 26
ALEPPO.....March 11

RATES OF PASSAGE:

Cabin.....$80 Gold.
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Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For freight and Cabin Passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
For Steerage Passage, apply at No. 69 Broadway.
E. CUNARD.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line, under contract with the United States and British Governments for carrying the Mails.

CITY OF BALTIMORE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
CITY OF WHINGTON (via Halifax) MONDAY, Feb. 24
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 29
CITY OF ANTWERP.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
ETNA (via Halifax).....MONDAY, Mar. 9
CITY OF LONDON.....SATURDAY, Mar. 14
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate MONDAY, at 1 P. M., from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

By the mail steamer sailing every Saturday.

PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin.....$100 | Steerage.....$30
To London.....105 | To London.....35
To Paris.....115 | To Paris.....40

Passage by the Monday steamers, first cabin, $90, gold; steerage, $30, currency.
Rates of passage from New-York to Halifax: Cabin, $20; steerage, $10—payable in gold.
Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.
Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $40 currency. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.
For further information, apply at the Company's offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent.
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid new vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River, as follows:

ST. LAURENT.....BOCANDE.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
NAPOLEON III.....ROUSSAN.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
FERDINAND LE CUCHEREC.....SATURDAY, Mar. 21
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURMONT.....SATURDAY, April 4

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, including wine, TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $160 or $140; second cabin, $85.
TO PARIS,
including railway tickets, furnished on board.
First cabin, $165 or $145; second cabin, $88.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Medical attendance free of charge.
American travelers going to or returning from the continent of Europe by taking the steamers of this line, avoid unnecessary risks from transit by English railways and crossing the channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

STEAMER SAINT LAURENT, FOR BREST and HAVRE, will leave Pier No. 50 North River, foot of Morton-st., Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1 o'clock.
Passengers are requested to be on board at 12 o'clock.

SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
FURTHER REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.
Favorite passenger steamers of the ANCHOR LINE sail every SATURDAY with passengers for
LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW AND DERRY.
IOWA, HEDDERWICK, SATURDAY, Feb. 22.
BRITANNIA, LAIRD, SATURDAY, Feb. 29.
HIBERNIA, MUNRO, SATURDAY, March 7.
Steam from Pier No. 20 North River, at noon.
Rates of passage, payable in currency:
To Liverpool, Glasgow and Derry, cabins, $80 and $75, according to location.
Excursion tickets, good for twelve months, $150.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $25.
Prepaid certificates from these ports, $35.
Passengers booked to all parts of Great Britain, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre, &c., at very low rates.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.
HENDERSON BROTHERS.
To avoid imposition, passengers will please come direct to the office, as this Company does not employ runners.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
OPPOSITION TO MONOPOLY!
THROUGH LINE TO CALIFORNIA,
Via Panama or Nicaragua.
Will dispatch their new and splendid steamships from New-York, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot Warren-st., at noon, at lower rates than by any other line.
For passage and full particulars, routes, &c., apply to
VIA PANAMA.
FEB. 15, 1868—Steamship FULTON, connecting with steamship OREGONIAN.
MARCH 5, 1868—Steamship SANTIAGO DE CUBA, connecting with steamship NEBRASKA.
VIA NICARAGUA.
FEB. 25, 1868—Steamship SAN FRANCISCO, connecting with steamship MOSES TAYLOR.

These steamships are expressly fitted for this trade, and are unsurpassed for safety, speed, elegance and comfort, and their rates for passage and freight will always be lower than by any other line.
For further particulars address the undersigned at No. 177 West-street, New-York.
D. N. CARRINGTON, Agent.
WM. M. WEBB, President.
CHAS. DANA, Vice-President.
No. 54 Exchange-place, New-York.

LONDON AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP LINE.
Passage to London direct, $110, $75 and $30 currency.
Excursion tickets at reduced rates available for six months.
WM. PENN, Capt. BILLINGE, from New-York, Feb. 22.
ATALANTA, Capt. FINKHAM, from New-York, Mar. 7.
WILLIAM PENN, Capt. DIXON, from New-York, Mar. 21.
CELLA, Capt. GLEADELL, from New-York, April 4.
The elegant British iron steamship WM. PENN will leave Pier No. 40 North River for London direct, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22.
Freight will be taken and through bills of lading given for Havre, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and Dunkirk.
For passage apply to ROBERT N. CLARK, No. 26 Broadway.
For freight apply at No. 54 South-st.
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
The following FIRST-CLASS IRON STEAMSHIPS, built expressly for the New-York trade, are intended to sail regularly between NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, calling at QUEENSTOWN, viz.:

MANHATTAN, MINNESOTA.
COLORADO, NEBRASKA,

with other first-class steamers building.

NEBRASKA.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12
MINNESOTA.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 19
MANHATTAN.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 26

From Pier No. 37 East River.
Cabin, (the accommodations being equal to any Atlantic steamer), $80, gold; return tickets, $160, gold; steerage, $25, currency.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms. For freight or passage apply to WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

THE NATIONAL LINE.
Steamers weekly to Liverpool and Queenstown, leaving Pier No. 47 North River, every SATURDAY
DENMARK, THOMSON.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
HELVETIA, CUTTER.....SATURDAY, Feb. 29
DENMARK, THOMSON.....SATURDAY, Mar. 7
FRANCE, GRACE.....SATURDAY, Mar. 14
Cabin passage, $100, currency.
Steerage passage, $25, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown $35 in currency.
Steerage tickets from Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg and Havre, $45 in currency.
For further particulars apply at the offices of the Company, Nos. 57 and 27 Broadway, or No. 73 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month:
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. L. THKELPAUGH, Feb. 22.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. B. SLOCUM, March 23.
MERRIMACK, Capt. L. F. TIMMERMAN, April 23.
These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
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No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
SAILING REGULARLY EVERY THURSDAY, AT 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4, North River, COLUMBUS, Capt. E. TAYSOE, via Nassau, Feb. 27.
MISSOURI, Capt. G. W. PALMER, March 5.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. ADAMS, March 12.
For freight or passage, apply to
GEO. B. HATSON, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO MEXICO.
FOR SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
The elegant sidewheel steamship ALABAMA will sail as above from Pier No. 5 East River, on SATURDAY, Feb. 29, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage, apply to
F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, No. 44 Beaver-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
MERCHANTS' STEAMSHIP LINE,
Comprising the first-class steamships
GEN. GUY HUNT.....Capt. J. R. HILDRETH
CRESCENT CITY.....Capt. E. W. HOLMES
SHERMAN.....Capt. W. A. PENDLETON
GEN. MEADE.....Capt. A. W. SAMPSON
The steamship
GENERAL MEADE,
Capt. A. W. SAMPSON
Will be dispatched on SATURDAY, Feb. 22, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 12 North River.
Freight received at through rates for Mobile and Galveston.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to the agent,
SAMUEL STEVENS,
No. 40 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT—THE CROMWELL LINE.—Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 1 N. R., at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
GEORGE WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, Feb. 29.
For freight or passage apply to
H. B. CROMWELL & CO., Agents, No. 96 West-st.

BALTIMORE AND HAVANA STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—FOR HAVANA AND NEW-ORLEANS VIA KEY WEST.—The steamship CUBA will sail for the above ports on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, at 3 o'clock P. M.
Passengers leaving New-York on the evening of the day previous to sailing will connect with the steamer.
For freight or passage, having splendid accommodations, apply to
HENRY M. WARFIELD & CO., Agents,
No. 16 spear's wharf, Baltimore.

FOR BALTIMORE, MD.—SATURDAY, FEB. 22.—Merchants' Dispatch Line.—Steamer PROMETHEUS, Capt. F. M. HARRIS, is now loading, and will sail from Pier No. 4 North River, as above, at 5 P. M.
WHEELER & LINNARD, No. 13 Broadway.

FOR CHARLESTON, BEAUFORT, HILTON HEAD AND FLORIDA PORTS.—MONEKA, Capt. SHACKFORD, Feb. 28; P. B. SOUDER, Capt. LEBBY, March 6.
WHEELER & LINNARD, No. 13 Broadway.

SHIPPING.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA,
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE AT GREATLY REDUCED RATES.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon of the 1st, 11th, and 21st of every month, except when these dates fall on Sunday, then on Saturday preceding.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
Feb. 21—ARIZONA, Capt. MAURY, connecting with GOLDEN CITY, Capt. LAPTHON.
Steamer March 21, 1868, connects closely with steamer CHINA, leaving San Francisco, April 14, for Japan and China.
For passage tickets and all further information apply at the Company's ticket office on the wharf, foot of Canal-st.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

STEAM COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.
The Panama, New-Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company dispatch a steamer on the 24th of each month from Panama to Wellington, N. Z., and the Australian Colonies, connecting with the steamer of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company leaving New-York for Aspinwall (Colon) on the 11th of each month. First and second class passengers will be conveyed under through ticket at the following rates: From New-York to ports in New-Zealand, or to Sydney or Melbourne, $340 to $364 for first class, and $218 to $243 for second class, payable in United States gold coin.
Special steamers run to the newly-discovered gold region of Hokitika, New-Zealand.
Arrangements are now completed for issuing through bills of lading. Freight payable here.
For further information, application to be made to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, No. 59 Wall-st., or to CHARLES W. WEST, Agent,
No. 23 William-st., New-York.

REGULAR LINE
FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS, DIRECT.
The favorite Steamship
TYBEE,
D. CAULKINS, Commander,
Will leave Pier No. 4, North River, on THURSDAY, Feb. 27, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, for Galveston, direct.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodation, apply to
SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 23 Broadway.
No charge made for drayage in Galveston on goods forwarded to the interior by railroad, also goods forwarded to Indianola, Lavaca, and Brazos, without charge.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
EVERY THURSDAY.
The Atlantic Coast Mail Steamship Company's sidewheel steamships
HELEN LIVINGSTON, Capt. EATON, sails THURSDAY, Feb. 27.
GEN. BARNES, Capt. MORTON, sails THURSDAY, March 5.
From Pier No. 36 North River, at 3 P. M. precisely, giving through passage tickets over the Central Railroad of Georgia, and Atlantic and Gulf Railroad, to points in the interior, and by Florida steamers to points on the coast of Florida.
For freight or passage apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
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FOR SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.
EMPIRE LINE.
EVERY SATURDAY, from Pier No. 13 North River, Punctually at 3 P. M.
The favorite side-wheel steamships
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, Feb. 22.
SAN JACINTO, Capt. ATKINS, SATURDAY, Feb. 29.
For freight or passage apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.
BLACK STAR LINE—EVERY SATURDAY.
The first-class steamships
MONTGOMERY, CROWELL, leaves.....SATURDAY, Feb. 22
HUNTSVILLE, CROWELL, leaves.....SATURDAY, Feb. 29
At 3 P. M., from Pier No. 3 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
C. LAWTON McBOYEN, Agent, No. 23 West-st.
Through passage tickets given over the Central R. R. of Georgia and Atlantic and Gulf R. R., Florida.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.—MURRAY'S LINE. Every THURSDAY, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 16 East River, foot of Main-st. The favorite steamships CLEOPATRA, Capt. PHILLIPS, TUESDAY, Feb. 25.
LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, March 3,
For freight or passage apply to
MURRAY FERRIS & CO.,
Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., AND FLORIDA PORTS—FRIDAYS.—THE PEOPLE'S MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
E. B. SUDELL, Capt. LEBBY, FRIDAY, Feb. 21.
MONEKA, Capt. SHACKFORD, FRIDAY, Feb. 28, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 5 P. M. Through passage tickets and bills of lading issued to all points South, in connection with the South Carolina Railroad, and by steamers to Florida ports.
Freight taken as low as by any other line.
WHEELER & LINNARD, Agents, 13 Broadway.

FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., THE FLORIDA PORTS AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.—REGULAR LINE.—Cabin passage, $35. Freight lower than by any other line. The fast and popular steamship NEW-BERN, S. A. MCCORKELL, Commander, will sail THIS DAY, Saturday, Feb. 22, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 14 East River, foot of Wall-st. Bills of lading signed for points in the interior, and for sale in Charleston forward all goods free of commission.
For the accommodation of shippers, freight will be received till hour of sailing.
The MATANZAS will be sent on the following SATURDAY. ARTHUR LEARY, No. 73 William-st.

FOR CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY at 3 P. M., connecting with the Richmond and Danville, Virginia Central, and Petersburgh and Weldon Railroads.
For freight or passage apply to
N. L. MCCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH.
OLD DOMINION STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
One of the elegant steamships of this Company will leave Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st., every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 3 P. M. Connecting with the seaboard and Roanoke Railroad and the Virginia and Tennessee Air Line, and their connections.
For freight or passage apply to
N. L. MCCREADY, President,
No. 187 Greenwich-st., corner of Dey-st.
Bills of lading signed on the pier.

FOR FLORIDA PORTS, DIRECT.—THE first-class steamship FLAG, Capt. BAXTER, will positive sail for Fernandina on WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 29 North River. Through bills of lading given to Jacksonville and all points on the St. John's River. Freight and passage office, No. 174 Chambers-st.

RAILROADS.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT—CHANGE OF TIME.
Leave James-slip:
9 A. M., mail train, for Greenport and all way-stations, connecting at Mineola with trains for Glen Cove and Hempstead.
11 A. M., Syosset passenger trains and all way-stations.
3 P. M., Express train for Riverhead.
4 P. M., Syosset and Glen Cove passenger train and all way-stations.
5 P. M., Express train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M.—Night Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and all points South and West.
6 P. M.—Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
6:30 P. M.—Night Express, daily, for Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and all points West and South. By this train sleeping-coaches will run through to Cincinnati without change.
8 P. M.—Emigrant Train daily, for the West.
Also, Way Trains for Rolling Spring, Passaic and Paterson, at 8:45 A. M., 9:15 A. M., 12 M. and 1:45, 4, 6:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.

SUNDAY TRAINS—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otisville; 12 M. and 3:30 P. M. for Paterson; 6:30 P. M. Night Express for Dunkirk, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca and all points West and South; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Salamanca, Dunkirk and Buffalo without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Perfectly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all Night Trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway; depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York, and Long Dock Depot, Jersey City.
WM. R. BARR, H. RIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 25, 1867, trains will leave New-York, viz.: connecting with Northern and Western trains, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express train, via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 10th-av., through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge with sleeping cars; and connecting at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
10 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, and at Troy with trains for the North.
11 A. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
3:45 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Rutland, with sleeping-car attached.
4:35 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c.; and at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping-car attached at Albany.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, and through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping-car every day excepting Saturdays attached from New-York through to Ogdensburgh without change. Connects at Albany with R. R. Railroad. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning, leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 6:40.
Also, a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 42d-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:30 P. M., arriving in New-York at 9.
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FROM WASHINGTON.

Proposed Action on the Supreme Court—The Practice of Law under Great Advantages.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1868.

Connected with the introduction of TRUMBULL's bill to emasculate the Supreme Court by denying its jurisdiction on "political questions," there is a little incident worthy of record: Mr. TRUMBULL had been engaged in arguing a motion to dismiss the McArdle case for want of jurisdiction. He had labored most assiduously to persuade the Court that it had no jurisdiction in the matter; but success is not always proportioned to effort in this world, and the Court had the temerity to decide against him. He heard the decision on Monday morning, and in less than half an hour after his ears had been regaled with its unwelcome words, he rushed into the Senate Chamber with the bill referred to. What the lawyer couldn't do, he thought the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee might; and since he couldn't persuade the Court, he thought the next best thing was to abolish it. "Vote as you please, but if you vote against NAPOLEON you'll be shot," and NAPOLEON was elected. "Decide as you please, your Honors," says Mr. TRUMBULL, "but if you decide against me I'll abolish you." It is a great pity that JEFFERSON wrote his very readable book about lawyers before he had heard of such excellent material as this for a chapter in Strategic Practice—how convenient it is to have the lawyer blended with the Senator, and how sure the person in whom both these offices are united is to win his case. It may be doubted whether it is quite fair to the legal brethren throughout the country that Mr. TRUMBULL should enjoy a monopoly of such remarkable facilities in the professional line. Other lawyers have to argue their cases and carry their points in the laws as they stand, but the Illinois Senator has a workshop at his back, and if he can't suit his client in the ready-made department he takes his measure and guarantees a fit.

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I submit whether there is any reasonable chance of competing against such extraordinary inducements as these few words set forth; and whether Mr. TRUMBULL will not, with this tempting signboard, be able to persuade more than his fair share of custom to his establishment. If I were a lawyer by profession, methinks I should enter a strong protest against it, but as I am only a newspaper correspondent, perhaps I ought to leave it to the legal profession to fight it out. Fair play is a jewel, however, and we may be pardoned a little intermeddling in so palpable a violation of fair play as this appears to be.

The bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. TRUMBULL is a very remarkable one in more respects than one. In the first place it denies the right of appeal from the dictum of a squad of captains and second lieutenants mustered together to try a question involving perhaps the life, liberty and property of ten millions of people. It says all such questions are "political" in their character. Well, suppose they are—does it follow that a military commission is more competent than the Supreme Court of the United States to determine them? If you want to find a state of profound and impenetrable ignorance on all political questions, where will you go to in preference to a military commission or the men likely to compose it? You might be accommodated occasionally by the *Herald*, but for an unfailing supply you must go the military "tribunals." But Mr. TRUMBULL not only excludes political questions from the Courts, but in their bill resolves himself into a Supreme Court to determine what are political questions, and solves his own conundrum by asserting that the Reconstruction bills are purely political in their character. To the legal and Senatorial mind it may appear perfectly competent for Congress thus to embody a law and a decision in the same act, but to the illegal and unsenatorial mind the precise character of a law would seem to be a question for the courts to decide. Otherwise, why may not Congress pass a law flagrantly violative of the Constitution of the United States, and keep it out of the Supreme Court by supplementing it thus:

SEC. —. *And be it further enacted*, That this is a political law.

There is an old tradition of a public meeting, at which it was resolved: Firstly, that the earth belongs to the saints; and secondly, that the persons there assembled were the saints. The first of these was well enough, perhaps, for if the earth belongs to anybody, it certainly is not to the sinners, ergo it must be to the saints. But the second smacks of egotism, to say the least, and modesty ought to have suggested its impropriety. Mr. TRUMBULL's bill may serve to remind the reader of the proceedings of that assemblage, in that it declares first, that Congress alone can determine political questions, and secondly, that it is for Congress alone to say what constitutes a political question. As with the saints, so with the Senate—their first proposition is perfectly tenable, but the second, which is the clincher, is certainly open to debate.

A case, in many respects like that now pending in the Supreme Court, occurred in France forty years ago. There is sufficient analogy between the two to warrant a short extract from HARRIET MARTINEAU's *Thirty Years' Peace:*

"M. BERTIN, responsible editor of the *Journal des Debats*, was prosecuted for the following words which appeared in his paper on the accession of the new Ministry: "The bond of affection and confidence which united the monarch with the people is broken. Unhappy France! Unhappy King!" On these words a charge was founded of offence against the King's person and authority, on the ground that any impeachment of the King's judgment in choosing his Ministers, was an attack on his authority; and any declaration that there was no longer love between the King and his people, or between the people and their King, "was an offence against his person."

Substitute McARDLE for BERTIN, the Vicksburg What's-its-name for the *Journal des Debats*, and the Major-General-Commanding at Vicksburg for the King, and the parallel is preserved thus far. Unfortunately for France, however, they had no military commissions in running order at that time, and the King probably had no drummer boy at hand to organize one. So the case went to the highest Court in Paris, and here's what came of it:

"The Courts of Paris were above trifling like this. After a deliberation of three hours as to the form of the judgment, the conclusion was that M. BERTIN was acquitted because however improper might be the expressions of the article complained of, and however contrary to the moderation which should be preserved in discussing the acts of the Government, they did not constitute actionable offences against the royal person or dignity. Silence within the Court had been enjoined; but the acclamations with which the judgment was received were deafening; and they were caught up by the crowds outside, who soon, by their shouts, let all Paris know the result of the trial."

Here BERTIN got the start of McARDLE in the important point of being acquitted, but BERTIN's offence was only against a French King, whereas McARDLE's is against a United States Major-General. Now for the result of the acquittal in its effect upon the relationship between the King and the Court—and here permit me to change the *dramatis personæ* sufficiently to cast Mr. TRUMBULL in the *rôle* of King—to which I hope in these days of "strong government" the honorable Senator will have no objection, especially when I promise to remit him to his senatorial robes in five minutes by the watch. I quote from Book III., chapter 9, of the first volume of the work referred to.

"Early in January (1830) the king issued a notice to the Chambers to meet on the 2d of March. From this it was supposed that the representative part of the State was safe for the present. But there was evidently no improvement in the temper of the royal and governing clique. When the President of the Court which had acquitted M. BERTIN went, according to custom, to offer to the king and royal family the usual wishes for the new year, he met with a reception which showed that in France, as in England, the first gentleman in the empire could lose his good manners in personal pique."

Here I ask for a suspense of the parallel, because there is no evidence that when the case went against Mr. TRUMBULL yesterday he lost his good manners; or, if he did, he effervesced in the bill he introduced, and nobody noticed his wrath.

The upright judge, M. SEGUIER, who had asserted the function of his Court in the memorable words, "the Court gives judgments, and not services," offered congratulations to the king, with an expression of satisfaction in the privilledge of a yearly audience to tender these wishes. The stern reply of the king was "that he desired the magistrates of the Court never to forget the important duties they had to fulfil, and to render themselves worthy of the marks of confidence they had received from their king." As for the royal ladies, the only word they had to give in reply to similar congratulations, was "passion," and all the courtiers behaved to the judges exactly after the manner of the royal family. Childish as this appears in the reading, it was of vast importance at the time, as showing that the Government could not tolerate the independent administration of justice—the most fatal of all symptoms.

The French Court fared better than the American for a like offence. All they did in France was to give their Honors the cold shoulder and tell them to "pass on" at the receptions; but here the proposition is to abolish the Court so far as the cases upon which a particular decision is desired are concerned. The crime in France in 1830, as in Washington in 1868, was the refusal of the Court to render "services" instead of "judgments."

Civil liberty is safe while the judiciary is pure. So wrote one who, though a conservative according to the latter-day standard, was a tolerably sensible sort of person. Mr. TRUMBULL evidently thinks so too, and has hit upon the novel and eminently earnest idea of abolishing the Court to keep it pure. It will doubtless console the Judges to be informed that the pending proposition is born of so high a motive.

CATO.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Observance of the Day—The Civic and Military Displays—General Suspension of Business.

The one hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the birth of WASHINGTON will be celebrated in this City to-day, in the usual manner. A national salute will be fired at sunrise, as a fitting introduction to the events of the day. The public offices will be closed and all business, both public and private, suspended. The courts will also take a holiday. The shipping in the harbors and rivers will display their gayest colors. On the public buildings the Stars and Stripes will be run up at sunrise, and any private citizen that owns a flagstaff and a yard of bunting will doubtless make the most of them and fling his banner to the breeze.

THE CIVIC DISPLAY.

The Common Council have appropriated $15,000 for the celebration of the day, and the Joint Committee to whom the arrangements for the celebration have been entrusted, propose to spend this amount in fireworks and music. The grand display of pyrotechnics will, of course, take place, as usual, in the City Hall Park, preparations for the event having been in progress for several days past. The principal piece will be "Washington Crossing the Delaware." Grafulla's band will perform appropriate music during the evening. At the Battery there will also be a fine display of rockets, wheels and other fireworks. The band of the Fourteenth Regiment of Brooklyn will supply the music. At Tompkins-square a display of pyrotechnics will also take place, Wannemacher's band supplying the music. At Madison-square Schneller's band will perform; at Hammersley-square, Hill's band, and at the corner of Bloomingdale-road and One Hundred and Fifth-street, Miller's band. Fireworks are promised at each place. The Committee recommend that our citizens generally refrain from all secular employment, and close their respective places of business; that the owners and masters of shipping in the harbor, and the owners and occupants of public and private buildings in the City display their flags from sunrise until sunset; and they order that the public buildings and offices of the Corporation be closed, and the flags be displayed on the City Hall, and all other public buildings belonging to the City, from sunrise until sunset.

The Committee conclude their official programme for the observance of the day by recommending that our citizens generally manifest, as to them may appear most worthy and appropriate, such evidences of respect, love and attachment for the day and the man as will be best calculated to testify their devotion to his teachings, and as will tend to perpetuate a veneration for the principles of Liberty and Justice, of which he was the exemplar, and which, if fully understood and appreciated, would prove the richest legacy possible to transmit to our descendants.

THE MILITARY DISPLAY.

The Eleventh Regiment (Washington Rifles) is the only National Guard organization that will parade. Col. HENRY LUX, commanding that regiment, has issued an order directing that the several companies assemble on the 22d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., at the regimental armory, in full fatigue dress, with overcoats, to celebrate the birthday of Gen. WASHINGTON. Regimental line will be formed at 10:30 o'clock, in Great Jones-street, right resting on Lafayette-place. Field and staff will report, dismounted, to the Colonel, at the same time and place. Non-commissioned staff officers, drum-major and leader of band, will report to the acting Adjutant ten minutes before formation. The regiment will be reviewed in front of the City Hall by the Mayor and Common Council at noon.

The Ninth Regiment give a grand *soirée dansante* at their armory in Twenty-sixth-street, near Seventh-avenue, this evening, the preparations being on an extensive scale. The Twelfth Regiment give a promenade concert at Irving Hall, the music to be furnished by the Regimental Band. The Seventy-first Regiment intend having a brief battalion drill at the State Arsenal, corner Thirty-fifth-street and Seventh-avenue, to be preceded by a dress parade and followed by a promenade concert. The civic association of the officers of the Sixth New-York Volunteer Cavalry intend keeping open house for their friends at No. 397 Hudson-street, and the officers of the First United States Chasseurs (Sixty-fifth New-York Volunteers) will also celebrate the day by a social reunion. Besides these events, there will be no decided effort by the National Guardsmen to celebrate the day.

SCHOOL AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS.

At the Cooper Institute three concerts will take place, the proceeds to be given to the Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots. One thousand children will take part in the concerts, which will be followed by various exercises. Major-Gen. ROBERT ANDERSON will preside at the morning exercises, which commence at 10 o'clock. Addresses may be expected from Hon. E. D. Culver, late Minister to South America; Rev. H. D. Northrop, Rev. James B. Dunn, Col. George A. Raymond, James A. Briggs, Esq., S. S. Randall, Esq., E. Z. C. Judson, Esq., (Ned Buntline,) Hon. Israel S. Diehl, late United States Consul at Batavia, Java; Rev. John Marsh, and others.

In the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, a free entertainment by Mosaic Lodge No. 3 I. O. of G. S. and D. of S. Oriental Hall will be given at the corner of Grand and Clinton streets. Addresses, recitations, readings, feats of magic and vocal and instrumental music are promised.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Bureau will distribute relief among destitute soldiers and sailors and their families at No. 139 Canal-street. Contributions from the charitable are solicited by JAY COOKE & Co. and Mr. F. C. FIELD, at the Assistant Treasurer's office in Wall-street.

The regular anniversary meeting of the Harvard Club will be held at the club-room, No. 933 Broadway, this evening.

THE PUBLIC OFFICES.

The Post-office will close at 10 A. M. The Treasury will be closed during the entire day, as also the Custom-house, except for the granting of clearances. All the Departments of the City and County Government will close as usual, and the civil courts will not transact any business.

BROOKLYN AND NEW-JERSEY.

In Brooklyn the day will be observed by a general suspension of business, the display of the National colors on public and private buildings, and the firing of a national salute at sunrise.

In Newark, Jersey City and Hoboken the day will be celebrated in a similar manner. In Newark a military parade will also take place.

Celebration of Washington's Birthday at Cooper Institute Last Evening.

The students of the Cooper Institute celebrated the anniversary of WASHINGTON's birth, by anticipation, last evening. The large hall of the Institute was filled to overflowing with the relatives and friends of the pupils, and others to whom invitations had been issued. Mr. PETER COOPER was, of course, present, listening to the music and exercises with evident delight. At 7:30 o'clock, the exercises commenced, under the direction of Mr. JOSEPH G. FOX. The music was given by Dodworth's band. The following was the programme:

Music, Overture, National; Oration, "Unity," WM. D. WHITING; Music, March of Twenty-second Regiment; Oration, "National Glory," JOHN H. CHADSEY; Music, Vive l'America; Oration, "Pater Patriæ," J. A. TAYLOR; Music, Washington's March; Oration, "The South and our Duty," WM. B. O'BRIEN; Music, We're a Band of Brothers; Oration, "Future of America," G. DRURI; Music, "The Flag of the Free." The oration of Mr. WHITING on "Unity" inculcated the importance of casting out the seeds of discord both in our individual and national relations. Mr. J. A. TAYLOR's oration on *Pater Patriæ* detailed the principal events in the life of him, the anniversary of whose birth they had met to celebrate. Mr. G. DRURI's oration on the "Future of America" was a somewhat rose-colored prophecy of what we, as a nation, may expect to become. The orations were well delivered and the orators were rewarded with an unlimited supply of applause and boquets.

Regulations for Lent.

The following precepts for the guidance of Roman Catholics in the Lenten season, in the Archdiocese of New-York has just been issued:

1. All the week days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday till Easter Sunday, are fast days of precept, on one meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

2. The precept of fasting implies also that of abstinence from the use of flesh meat. But, by dispensation, the use of flesh meat is allowed in this diocese at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent, with the exception of Holy Thursday.

3. There is neither fast nor abstinence to be observed on Sundays of Lent.

4. It is not allowed to use fish with flesh meat at the same meal to the week days of Lent.

5. There is no prohibition to use eggs, butter or cheese, provided the rules of quantity prescribed by the fast be complied with.

6. Lard may be used in preparing fish, vegetables, &c.

7. The Church excuses from the obligation of fasting (but not of abstinence from flesh meat, except in special cases of sickness or the like) the following classes of persons: First—The infirm. Second—Those whose duties are of an exhaustive or laborious character. Third—Persons who are attaining their growth. Fourth—Women in pregnancy or nursing infants. Fifth—Those who are enfeebled by old age.

The public religious services during Lent, in the churches in the City, to commence each evening at 7:30 o'clock, will be:

On Monday—In the Church of the Nativity, of the Assumption (German,) St. Michel's, and St. Anthony's (Italian.)

On Tuesday—In St. James', St. Joseph's, St. Vincent de Paul's (French,) St. John the Evangelist's, Holy Cross, St. Gabriel's, Immaculate Conception, and Our Lady of Sorrows.

On Wednesday—In St. Peter's Most Holy Redeemer (German), St. Francis Assisium (German), St. Francis Xavier's, St. Ann's, Annunciation (Manhattanville), St. Paul's, Ninth-avenue and Fifty-ninth-street, St. Teresa's, and St. John Baptist (German).

On Thursday—In Cathedral, St. Andrew's St. Stephen's, S. Columba's, St. Bridget's, St. Alphonsus' (German), St. Lawrence (Yorkville), Holy Innocents and St. Rose of Lima.

On Friday—In St. Mary's, Transfiguration, St. Nicholas (German), St. Paul's (Harlem), St. Boniface's (German), and St. Vincent Ferrer.

By order of the Most Reverend Archbishop.

FRS. MCNEIRNY, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1868.

Board of Audit.

The following claims were heard by this Board yesterday, Messrs. BOWNEY, MARTINDALE, DRAPER and STEWART, presiding.

JOHN S. NAFEW presented a claim of $432, for cleaning an office in the Department of Commissioners of Taxes, from January to December, 1866. The work was done by a Mrs. CORBETT, who assigned her claim to Mr. NAFEW.

Messrs. HANKINS, proprietor of the *New-York Home Gazette*, put in claim a of $635 for advertising the Tax Levy report of the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors, &c., &c.

No other claims being ready, the Board adjourned to Monday next, at 12 M.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

FIRES YESTERDAY.—At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the liquor-store of PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN, at No. 391 Ninth-avenue, resulting in a damage of $50 on stock; insured for $2,000 in the Germania. MCLAUGHLIN and his barkeeper, also named PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN, were arrested on a charge of arson.... At 5 A. M. a second fire occurred in the apartments of ANTOINE SCHAFER, on the fifth floor of the tenement-house No. 46 Thompson-street, caused by the explosion of a kerosene oil lamp. The flames were soon extinguished. Great confusion was created among the inmates of the building, but they were all got out by the Police in safety, except the two children of FRANCIS POLLY, who were slightly burned while escaping. Mr. SCHAFER's loss is $600 fully insured in the North American. BERNARD MULLER, occupying rooms on the same floor, lost $100; insured. Rev. FREDERICK GERSSENHEIMER owns the building and sustains a loss of $100; in sured.

PROBABLY FATAL BURNING ACCIDENT.—Coroner ROLLINS was summoned yesterday to visit JAS. GRINLEY, at the residence of Mr. THOMPSON, on the corner of Third-avenue and Twelfth-street, who was in a critical condition and suffering from burns. On his arrival the Coroner was informed that Mr. GRISLEY is a Scotch gentleman of wealth, and has been travelling for some months, occasionally stopping at the house of Mr. THOMPSON. The patient retired on Thursday night, and nothing was heard of him until an early hour yesterday morning, when he gave an alarm. When the inmates entered his room Mr. GRINLEY was found enveloped in flames, and he was so terribly burned before they were extinguished that he is not expected to live. As soon as possible the Coroner will take his *ante-mortem* statement, when no doubt some explanation of the cause of the accident will be given.

FOREIGN LETTERS.—The number of letters sent through the New-York Post-office to and from the following places from the 8th to the 15th February inclusive, was as follows:

	Received.	Sent.
British	32,473	47,354
German	14,802	42,532
French	14,286	23,026
Belgium	238	986
Netherlands	225	1,455
Totals	62,024	115,353
Grand total		177,377

The following is the number of letters sent through the New-York Post-office from the 1st to the 31st of January to South Pacific, China, Hawaiian Islands and the West Indies: Received, 48,284; sent, 41,029; total, 89,313.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—A. Gregg, United States Consul at Kingston, Jamaica Islands; Gen. Hagner, U. S. A.; Hon. W. P. Blake, of California; Commodore W. R. Taylor, U. S. N., and Hon. Thos. H. Canfield, of Vermont, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Gen. G. B. Dawdy, U. S. A.; Gen. W. W. Belknap, of Iowa, and Hon. Abel Smith, of Schenectady, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Postmaster W. L. Burt, of Boston, and W. W. Clapp, Esq., of the Boston *Journal*, are at the Westminster Hotel. Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, of Georgia, and Hon. John H. Griswold, of Troy, are at the New-York Hotel. Gens. Wood and Barstow, U. S. A., are at the St. James Hotel.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—The Talman Estate, which is to be sold by A. J. BLEECKER, Son & Co. on the 10th of March next, comprises some of the most valuable property in the upper part of the City—one entire block on Central Park, fronting on Fifty-ninth-street, and extending from the Sixth to Seventh-avenue, forming the centre of the southern boundary of the Park, and overlooking it lengthwise almost to its outmost boundaries. Beside this Central Park block, the sale embraces 193 lots of the same estate, situated on Sixty-seventh, Sixty-eighth and sixty-ninth streets, Ninth and Tenth avenues.

THE MEALS FOR THE POOR.—Yesterday 185 persons were fed at the Tombs, 103 at Jefferson Market, and 92 at Essex Market. At several Station-houses the tickets gave out, and many persons were furnished meals without tickets, the wardens turning away no one who seemed in want of food who applied for it. The movement of the Commissioners seems to have the aid of the public, as yesterday Capt. DOORS, of the Tenth Precinct, received a bag of coffee from FREDERICK EVANS, of No. 154 Reade-street, to be used in supplying the poor of the Tenth Ward.

INTERNAL REVENUE AFFAIRS.—Deputy Commissioner HARLAND still remains in Washington, consequently little business of an important nature is transpiring at the Cedar-street headquarters. Mr. ISAAC HARVEY, chief Tobacco Inspector, reports that he made 39 seizures of tobacco factories in 1867. This number does not include examinations and investigations. Mr. HARVEY has also seized large quantities of segars, showing that there has been no lack of energy in his special department.

A PRAISEWORTHY PROJECT.—A number of benevolent ship captains, clergymen, physicians and merchants of this City have formed a "Society for the Education and Advancement of Young Seamen." The Society takes young men under its care, secures them places on vessels, gives each half a scholarship before going to sea, gives him the other half when he has made several trips with credit, and provides a good library and free lectures on nautical topics. The rooms of the Society are at No. 92 Madison-street.

REV. DR. TAYLOR'S LIBRARY.—Next Monday, at LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & Co.'s rooms, Clinton Hall, Astor-place, will commence the sale of the private library of the late THOMAS HOUSE TAYLOR, D. D., for many years rector of Grace Church, comprising a large and select assortment of books in the various departments of literature. This library is the collection of a lifetime, and contains much that is rare and very valuable. Among the volumes are commentaries, lectures, rare sermons, works on divinity, illustrated, standard and classical works.

SECREITER CLUB BALL.—The closing ball of the season of the Secreiter Club, of this City, took place last evening at the New-York Assembly Rooms, and was a grand affair. These occasions are always thoroughly enjoyable, and this one was thoroughly enjoyed. It is hardly necessary to say that with the wane of the hours the fun waxed faster and more furious, and that when our reporter was compelled to leave the indications were strong that most of the dancers would not go home till morning.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REUNION.—A reunion of the Duane M. E. Sabbath-school is to be held to-morrow in the church, Hudson-street, near Spring. A sermon will be preached in the morning by Rev. DANIEL WISE, D. D. The afternoon session will commence at 2 o'clock, to consist of singing by the school, and addresses by Rev. JOHN PARKER, Mr. JOHN R. TERRY and others. All who were ever connected with the old school are expected to attend.

THE "LIQUID GAS" CO. CENSURED.—Coroner ROLLINS concluded an inquest, yesterday, on the body of MRS. MARY ANN DUFFIN, whose death was caused by burns received on Friday, the 14th inst., by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The Jury rendered a verdict that death had been caused by the explosion of "liquid gas," and they further censured the American Liquid Gas Company, of No. 142 Grand-street, for manufacturing such an article and representing it as non-explosive.

UNPROVOKED SHOOTING.—At 9 o'clock last evening when WILLIAM STEWART was in his own house, No. 455 West Sixteenth-street, AMOS L. TRIP went in and it is alleged, without any provocation whatever, fired at STEWART with a pistol, the ball taking effect in the right breast and right arm, inflicting dangerous wounds. After the shooting TRIP was arrested and committed to the Sixteenth Precinct Station-house, and STEWART was removed to Bellevue Hospital.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM PERMANENTLY LOCATED.—BARNUM's Museum and Menagerie are permanently settled at last, the Company having just purchased, at the cost of half a million of dollars, the six lots on Broadway and Mercer-street on which this establishment is at present located. Changes are to be made there soon which will more properly adapt the building to the purposes to which it is henceforth to be devoted.

COLORED YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The first anniversary of the Colored Young Men's Christian Association will be held at St. Philip's Church, Mulberry-street, near Bleecker, on Sunday evening. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. JOHN PETERSON, and an address will be delivered by Rev. B. F. DE COSTA. The President will read the annual report. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

THE INFLUENCE OF YOUNG MEN.—Rev. Dr. SCOTT, of this City, will preach to young men on Sunday coming, by request of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the Baptist Church, on Madison-avenue, corner of Thirty-first-street, on "The Responsibility of young men for the immortality of their Influence on Society."

THE CHARITY BALL.—The receipts from the sale of boxes for the Charity Ball, at the Academy of Music, next Monday night, already exceed $2,000. The indications are that, as usual, it will be a grand affair. Already, as far as its noble object is concerned, it is a success.

Evening Stock Sales.

GALLAHER'S ROOM, CORNER TWENTY-THIRD-STREET AND BROADWAY, Friday, Feb. 21—10 P. M.

Very large attendance to-night.

Gold active and transactions several millions. The following will give an indication of the fluctuations: About $300,000, in lots of from $10,000 to $50,000, sold at 142¾; several hundred thousand, in various lots from $10,000 to $100,000, sold at 142¾; three heavy sales took place at 142¾; rallying again to 142¾, selling down to 141⅞, at which nearly a hundred thousand changed hands, when a sudden demand sprung up on receipt of dispatches, which caused sales of large lots at 142. A few sales again reached 142⅛, after which the market closed by sales at 142.

The activity in gold seemed to overshadow the transactions in stocks, which were limited. Erie opened at 70¾; a number of sales took place at 70¾, and closed at 70⅝@¾.

New York Central and the rest of the market stood about as at the close down town.

Owing to the closing of banks and offices down town on the 22d, Mr. GALLAHER was requested by the gold brokers present that his room be thrown open during the whole day, and consequently the gold market will be held here instead of at the Gold Room.

Dispatches to this effect have been sent to the principal cities, so that telegrams will reach brokers at Gallaher's Room.

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Bowery, No. 39, and No. 15 Chrystie-st ..... nom.
Prince and Mercer sts., n. w. cor. 25x74 ..... $15,000
16th-st., (East,) No. 324, 21x.3x102.6 14,000
28th-st., (East,) No. 110 27,000
31st-st., s. s., 191.8 ft. e. of 10th-av., 16.8x104.3x16.8 x102.9 2,333
47th-st., s. s., 157 ft. e. of 6th-av., 20x100.5 14,500
51st-st., s. s., 331.3 ft. e. of 2d-av., 100.5x18.9x21.3½ x37.9x18.9x86.3 ..... nom.
51st-st., n. s., 406 3 ft. e. of 2d-av., 18.1x65.4½ x18.9 48,000
54th-st., s. s., 116.8 ft. w. of Broadway, 16.8x100 ..... nom.
58th-st., n. s., 179.3 ft. w. of 1st-av., 17.10x100.5 ..... $11,000
86th-st., 107 ft. w. of Av. A, 20x100.8½ 1,500
111th-st., s. s., 250 ft. e. of 11th-av., 10 lots, 26½x100.11 14,500
121st-st., s. s., 90 ft. e. of 4th-av., 36x50.5 6,000
124d-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 11th-av., 7 lots, 175x100.11 5,000
130th-st., n. s., 110 ft. w. of 4th-av., 2 lots, 50x99.11 ..... nom.
2d-av. and 65th-st., n. e. cor., 100x100.5 17,500
7th-av., w. s., 75.4 ft. n. e. of 49th-st., 25.1x90 8,000
Hall's estate, lot 880, 25x90.11 2,000

Lease Recorded.

Broadway, No. 160, basement and sub-cellar, 5 years, per year $2,500
Canal-st., No. 397, store and basement, 5 years, first year $2,400; four years, per year 4,000
Christopher-st., No. 9 (assignment) 1,131
Greenwich-st., No. 82, 3 years, per year 1,400
Greene-st., No. 102, 3 years, per year 900
Greene-st., rear of Nos. 118 and 120, 4 years and 2 months, per year 2,000
Walker-st., No. 228, 4 years, per year 1,850
E. 9th-st., No. 273, store and bakery, 3 years and 2 months, per year 720
24th-st., s. s., 161.2 ft. e. of 2d-av., 25.2x65, 5 years, 2 years, per year, $2,000; 3 years, per year 2,333
45th-st., s. s., 350 ft. w. of 8th-av., 16.10x100.5 ..... nom.
48th-st., n. s., 712.6 ft. w. of 5th-av., (assignment) 20,000
125th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 11th-av., 3 lots, 75x half the block, 10 years ..... nom.
3d-av., No. 1,230, $1,200 per year for 2 years and per year for 3 years 1,400
7th-av., Nos. 208, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 5 years, per year 6,500
10th-av., No. 265, store-room, &c., 5 years, per year 300
Sunken Meadow and Island in Hell Gate, 5 years ..... nom.

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Ainslie and 9th sts., s. w. cor., 20x75 ..... $500
Butler-st., n. s., 74.7 ft. e. of 6th-av., 25x100 1,500
Douglass-st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of Ralph-av., 127.9½ x100x254x100x63.7½ 800
Douglass-st., s. s., 250 ft. e. of Smith-st., 50x100 1,400
Douglass-st., n. s., 419.7 ft. e. of 7th-av., 40.7x102x94.5x100.3½ 3,700
Douglass-st., s. s., 344.7 ft. e. of 7th-av., 115.7x100 x107.1x100.3½ 9,250
Hart-st., s. s., 373.6½ ft. w. of Broadway, 22.8x— 400
Lorriman-st., No. 94, bet. Scholes and Stagg sts. 5,800
Pacific-st., s. s., 175 ft. w. of Powers-st., 200x100 12,000
President-st., s. s., 60 ft. w. of Nevins-st., 20x80 1,000
President-st., 160 ft. e. of Nevins-st., 20x80 1,000
President-st., n. s., 20 ft. e. of Nevins-st., 20x80 800
President-st., n. s., 220 ft. e. of Nevins-st., 20x80 800
Schermerhorn-st., n. s., 150.1 ft. w. of Smith-st., 25x102.2 3,000
Simpson-st., s. s., lot 22, blk. 9, 25x100 1,800
Skillman and Lorrimer sts., s. w. coPner, 21x80 2,350
State and Bosrum sts., s. w. cor., 50x90 3,000
Strong-place, e. s., 100 ft. n. of Degraw-st., 30.8x112.5 2,500
Taylor-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of Wythe-av., 20x100 10,000
Taylor-st., s. e. s., 136 ft. s. w. of Lee-av., 20x98.1½ x21.2½x105.1½ 6,000
3d-st., n. s., 280 ft. w. of Bond-st., 20x90 4,500
4th-st., n. s., 67.6 ft. w. of 3d-st., 45.7x20x56.6x67.6 5,000
4th-st., n. s., 182.6 ft. e. of Smith-st., 20x90 400
4th-st., n. s., 202.1 ft. e. of Smith-st., 20x90 400
5th-st., (South,) n. s., 80 ft. s. e. of 1st-st., 16.8x 11 in.x33.4x20x50x19.4 2,100
10th-st., s. s., 105.9 ft. w. of 4th-av., 30x100 1,800
11th-st., n. s., 321 ft. e. of 3d-av., 18x100 4,000
Carlton-av., w. s., 69.3 ft. s. of Myrtle-av., 20x100x5 x3.4x18x96.8 ..... nom.
Carlton-av., w. s., 102.9 ft. s. of Myrtle-av., 20x100. nom.
Clinton-av., e. s., 485.7 ft. s. of Park-av., 20x120 4,500
De Kalb-av., s. s., 24 ft. e. of Nostrand-av., 5.3x38.. 8,400
Fulton-av., s. s., 940 ft. w. of Troy-av., 20x80 4,000
Graham-av., w. s., 25 ft. n. of Boerum-st., 25x80 2,050
Graham-av., e. s., 41 ft. s. of Remsen-st., 20x54.9.. 8,250
Hamilton-av., n. e. s., 105.8 ft. n. of Union-st., 22.4x43x15x28x5 4x98.10 12,000
Kent-av., e. s., 399.8 ft. s. of Willoughby-av., 50x207.1½ 3,200
Ridgewood and Hale avs., n. e. corner, 100x250 850
Stuyvesant-av., Broadway, Reid-av. and Hart-st., centre gore, 71x77.1½x109.1 800
Tompkins-av., e. s., 80 ft. n. of Halsey-st., 20x70.. nom.
2d-av. and 10th-st., south-east cor., 20x70 8,450
6th-av., e. s., 194.9 ft. n. of Middle-st., 18x98.11½, house and lot 4,000
Lot No. 14, at the Wallabout, 7th ward, 20x181, to Nassau-st 1,500
Lot of Woodland, bounded by Gerritsen's, Remsen's, Bergen's and Meserole's 3,000

Leases Recorded.

Baltic-st., No. —, first floor, 5 years; per year $158
Myrtle-av., Nos. 240, 242 and 244, wooden houses, 6 years; per year 900
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Atlantic dock, No. 821, and wharf, junk shop, 3 years; per year 180
Ferdinand Grubrecht to C. J. Trifle, 15 years lease from 1863; assignment, $3,000; per year 500

Gravesend Lease.

5 acres of lot 1 Terhune property, 5 years, per year $2,500

Green Point.

India-st., s. s., 350 ft. e. of Union-av., 25x100 ..... $100
India-st., s. s., 350 ft. e. of Union-av., 25x100 350
Washington and Greene sts., s. e. cor., 75x80 4,000

New-Utrecht.

Lot bounded on s. e. side by Franklin-av. 64.7½ ft., on s. w. side by Bath-place 295 ft. $3,000
Franklin-av., e. s., lots 22 and 23, 130x296 .....

NEW-JERSEY.

Jersey City.

Greene-st., s. s., 60 ft. n. of Grand-st., 12x35 ..... $5,000
Railroad-av., lot No. 3, block No. 36, 24.9x80x25.6 x16 12,000
Varick-st., e. s., 75 ft. n. of Montgomery-st., 25x87. 2,250
Washington-st., w. s., 151.6½ ft. s. of Dassex-st., 23.10x125 14,000

Hudson City.

Lot No. 21, block No. 93, map Passaic Ice Co., 25.2 x165.6½x25x164.11¾ $700

Bergen.

Beach-st., s. s., 56.8 ft. w. of Barrow-st., 50x90 ..... $2,375
Beach-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of Jackson-av., 8x116.6 3,500
Monticello-av., lots 26, 27, 29, 31 .....
Brinkerhoff-st., lots F and G .....

Union.

Liberty-st., s. s., lots 475, 476, blk. 5, each 26x100 ..... $400
Maine-st., s. s., lots 247, 248, blk. 35, each 25x100 500

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21—5 P. M.

Consols closed at 93@93¼ for money and account.
United States Five-twenty Bonds ..... 73¾@73¼
Illinois Central Railway Shares 89
Erie Railway Shares 46¾

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Feb. 21—5 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed quiet at the following authorized quotations:
Middling Uplands, in port ..... 10½d.
Middling Uplands, to arrive ..... 9¾d.
Middling Orleans ..... 10½d.
The sales of the day foot up 20,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Corn, 42s. 9d. Wheat, 10s. 2d. for California and 10s. 1d. for No. 2 Milwaukee Red. Barley, 5s. 6d. Oats, 3s. 11d. Peas, 40s. Flour, 37s. 6d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon has advanced to 40s. Beef and Pork steady and unchanged.

PRODUCE—Sugar firmer at 24s. 6d. for No. 12 Dutch Standard.

ANTWERP, Friday, Feb. 21—5 P. M.

PETROLEUM—Standard White closed at an advance of 50 centimes; quoted at 45 francs.